



CONSULTATION ON DESIGNATION OF CUMBERNAULD TOWN CENTRE

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Questions and responses

Q.1 Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation, business or community group? - Individual, Organisation etc

- As an individual **(2133)**
- On behalf of an organisation, public body or charity **(7)**
- On behalf of a local authority
- As a private business, such as an architect or developer **(8)**
- Representing a community group **(4)**
- Other **(11)**

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation, business or community group? - If you've chosen 'other', please specify here:

- Architect. Brought up in Cumbernauld 63-83
- Individual
- N/A
- Individual living in Cumbernauld
- I am the architect who did the original perspective drawings of the Town Centre when working for the Corporation in the early 1960s.
- I've not chosen other - but won't let me proceed unless I put something in this box....
- I didn't choose other. This should be a required field
- An individual
- Individual
- Individual
- Individual
- Individual
- I didn't select other.
- I did not choose other but as an individual. If you require further detail, I have been a resident of Cumbernauld and a user of the Town Centre for 46 years.
- This building is nothing but a curse on the town it is totally impractical and stifles growth. I've even met architecture students who were brought to see it as an example of what not to do. Cumbernauld severely lacks behind the other new towns and needs to progress
- N.A
- Resident
- Individual living in Cumbernauld
- Resident since 1969



- The town Centre is an eyesore, has never been properly maintained, buildings are grubby and dirty. It's no wonder it won the Carbuncle award several times, IT'S AN EYESORE TO LOOK AT, KNOCK IT DOWN AND START AFRESH.
- Individual
- N/A
- Na
- NA
- Individual
- Individual
- Architectural historian at the University of Liverpool (formerly at University of Strathclyde), specialising in post-war British architecture. Author of a well-reviewed book on Brutalism.
- I am an academic at the University of Edinburgh, and I have used Cumbernauld in teaching and research
- This is a test (D McDowell)
- As a former Provost and Member of Parliament
- Both individual and self employed one man band business
- I live in Cumbernauld
- As someone who worked in Cumbernauld Town centre for 10 years
- New College Lanarkshire, Cumbernauld Campus (H&S Adviser)
- Retired Town Planner
- Speaking on behalf the Toonys pipen n aw the young pups need a new place to get onit nawrat
- Local family

Q.5 Where are you based? – Location

- Cumbernauld (1668)
- North Lanarkshire (192)
- Elsewhere in Scotland (239)
- Elsewhere in UK (43)
- Rest of world (15)
- Not answered (2)

Q.6 What is your organisation, local authority or community group? - Text / org or community

- Local business
- Studio DuB
- JT_A Jon Tollit Architects
- Styles & Smiles
- House of Belvedere LLP
- Architect
- John Brown and Company
- Swan Group



- No
- No org
- Scottish Centre for Conservation Studies, University of Edinburgh
- Cunningham Heavin Architects
- Cornerstone House Centre Limited
- Cumbernauld Community Forum
- Community Council
- Deputy Director of Planning, Property and Performance, National Health Service Lanarkshire
- "Jamie Hepburn MSP
- For Cumbernauld & Kilsyth / Stuart McDonald MP
- For Cumbernauld, Kilsyth
- & Kirkintilloch East"
- NA
- University of Edinburgh - writing here as an individual
- HES test
- Former MP
- Myself
- N/A
- N/A
- New College Lanarkshire, Cumbernauld Campus
- N/A
- Grampian young team
- N/a
- Architects
- DM Fitness Classes
- Cumbernauld Village Community Council
- Community Group - Do Not List Cumbernauld Town Centre

Q.6 What is your connection to the building? (please select the most appropriate item) – Connection

- Have used the facilities or the buildings **(1827)**
- Have worked in/on the building **(131)**
- Casual observer (i.e., know of or have seen the building but have not been inside) **(93)**
- Other **(103)**
- Not answered **(5)**

What is your connection to the building? (please select the most appropriate item) - If 'other' please provide more details:

- Have visited the building on a number of occasions.
- I have a hair salon in the town centre.
- "As a young man interested in new development the new town of Cumbernauld was an interesting concept. Then studying New towns and planning as part of a Land Economics



course the town centre having different concepts and traffic planning was interesting (1968_72). Since those heady days the brutality of the architecture and poor planning is recognised not just here but in most development of the 60 and early 70's. Poor construction, dreadful design in a drive for modernity." Swan Group are the current owners of the penthouses and CDC at Avon Walk, Cumbernauld.

- I have both used the facilities of the centre and worked inside the town centre.
- Have both worked in multiple units in the town centre and also used its facilities throughout my life.
- I have photographed the building for a possible book, over 30 years ago, its authors (not me) were not going to be positive about Modernism in Scotland generally, although I then admired the edifice's grandeur, if not its appearance. I've become more acclimatised over the years to its aesthetic.
- Used to live in Cumbernauld, used the facilities & worked there. Parents still in Cumbernauld.
- I grew up in Cumbernauld. Lived there for 18 years.
- In the building every day for years as live and work in Cumbernauld. The building is Cumbernauld, statuesque and strong.
- Grew up in Cumbernauld.
- Grew up in Cumbernauld 1968 - 1981
- As a quantity surveyor with Cumbernauld Development Corporation in the 1960s, I was involved in the development of the early phases of the Town Centre
- I grew up in Cumbernauld and lived there from birth until I was about 21.
- Grew up in Cumbernauld. Have seen that building almost every day for 13 years.
- "I have both used the facilities/ building and worked in the building. The options do not allow multiple selections therefore I have used 'Other' as a means to identify this. I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1972 and have used the building for most of its existence and throughout my entire life. I worked in an office within the megastructure during late 1980's / early 1990's."
- Shopping and many years ago assisted with Nfu show with young farmers. Have also shopped. Popped into library
- Lived in Cumbernauld for 20 years, have used the building extensively over that time and have fond connection with it.
- Use the facilities regularly
- I grew up in Cumbernauld and my family still live there.
- I went to Cumbernauld High School and after school, I would invariably go to the town centre for the shops, Library, and swimming pool
- Volunteer in the cabrain community hub that's based in the town centre
- I grew up just a few streets away in the 1970s and 1980s, so it was a big part of my life.
- Grown up within walking distance and lived near the mega structure near all my adult life.
- Use the building, run a community facility in the building. Farther and uncle both worked on the construction
- Grew up in Cumbernauld; my father worked on the Centre for CDC.
- Brought up in Cumbernauld, have BA (HONS) in design.
- My father brought the family through from Fife to take up a senior position with Oscar Faber a company who played a major part in the design and build of the town centre



- I grew up in Cumbernauld and so the complex was an important part of my formative years. I now work in heritage conservation.
- First visited the building in the late 1960s as an architectural student. Thought that it was amazing at the time and was very proud that Scotland seemed to be “ahead of the pack”. Have been back from time to time but we live in Edinburgh so there is little need to visit Cumbernauld.
- Practicing Architect working within central Scotland
- Architect
- Business owner
- "Lived in 12 Avon Walk from 1972 - 1977
Met my husband who lived in 6 Avon Walk . Married 1976
Had my first child in 1977 (now an Intensive Care Consultant in Oldham)
I worked for the Development Corporation and one of my roles was to talk to visiting professionals about Cumbernauld.
We thought our penthouse homes were pretty special and would hate them to be demolished."
- Used to visit it often when I worked in Glasgow.
- Architect who lived in Cumbernauld close to centre 50 years ago, married in church at centre St Mungo. Then moved to village rebuilding cottage there then going on to work in Glasgow and Stirling before eventually moving South. Visited and used centre extensively over many years, visiting fellow architect living in penthouses etc. Watched development of centre and later redevelopment of parts of it. Consider it as iconic example of central facilities for a New Town and unique in Scotland .
- I am the Head of the Edinburgh School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (ESALA) at the University of Edinburgh, and we are keen to observe principles of re-use in significant historic structures such as the Cumbernauld Town Centre.
- I am the architect who did the original perspective drawings of the Centre before its completion when I was working for the Development Corporation in the early sixties.
- "This is an exceptional example of brutalist megastructure, one of the only in the world. It's design was unparalleled and is yet to be surpassed in its emphasis in town master planning. Unfortunately, poor management and poor retrofitting has left the building looking sorry. However, there is clearly a budget available for a proper, well designed retro-fit, most likely through the use of a competition to preserve this piece of built modern history. In times of environmental crisis, we should not be demolishing perfectly usable structures, instead we should be encouraging creative re-use and refurbishment to extend the life of our buildings and their relevance.
This building poses a great opportunity to set an example for all UK town centres and continue to promote exceptional Scottish architecture and master planning."
- Worked as architect on Cumbernauld c1960 -63
- Architect/academic with long history of reflection on, writing about and professional interest in Cumbernauld.
- From Cumbernauld
- No personal connection to the building, just an admirer of Brutalist Architecture.
- Former resident of Cumbernauld 1963 - 1982
- Primarily, as a historian who appreciates CTC's significance.
- Interested in architectural heritage and sustainable development



- I am also interested in the building for its architectural and historic value.
- I am a previous resident of Cumbernauld and employee of North Lanarkshire Council
- Not Answered
- Loved all my life in Cumbernauld. 53 years
- Demolish the building. It's horrible and ugly
- This building isn't fit for purpose, it's an eye sore too, very outdated, and dangerous with buckets everywhere
- I have used and also worked in the building.
- Grew up in Cumbernauld and lived there for 28 years.
- None
- casual observer who has been inside and visited
- Resident of Cumbernauld - live and work in North Lanarkshire
- Was born and raised in Cumbernauld and used the town centre daily.
- Lived in Cumbernauld most of my life until moving away a few years ago.
- Lived in Cumbernauld all my life, worked in HMRC beside it for 18 years and live 5 km walk away in Seafar.
- Grew up in local area, have used the centre throughout my life in various capacities
- Cumbernauld is my hometown. I lived there for nearly forty years. My whole family resides there.
- I have both used the facilities and worked there
- I use the facilities/ have previously worked within the building.
- "It is a building that is well past its sell by date, not fit for purpose and an eyesore. It will become a derelict sore on the horizon of Cumbernauld. Cumbernauld has lots of investment in the town and is rapidly expanding. It deserves to have new and inventive, more sustainable and modern hub in its place."
- I grew up in Cumbernauld and was there from when the centre was opened to many years later. I even played on the building while it was under construction.
- Live in Cumbernauld and avoid the town centre because of the building and facilities. It's the worst example of a shopping centre
- All of above and have lived in its shadow all my life.
- Lived in Cumbernauld from 1967 until 2021
- I live in Kilsyth and Cumbernauld is our nearest shopping facility.
- I have worked in been around and used the facilities for over 40 years
- I have lived here all my life and the town centre is a bloody dump I am ashamed to even say that is Cumbernauld town centre it's absolutely disgusting and an eye sore to look at ... There isn't any decent shops for the locals it's all charity shops and half the shops are closed its horrible please pull it down and make a town centre for us to be proud of, lots of clothes shops just like any other centre in Stirling, east Kilbride big shops
- Have used the facilities and worked in the building.
- Grew up in Cumbernauld, using the Town Centre building constantly
- Have used the building and have investigated proposals to convert parts of the building
- "I work in Cumbernauld college and believe if they demolish town centre It is going to affect collage Which should not happen. I and students and staff do shopping There."



- "I lived in Cumbernauld for 12 years, working in the town centre for just under 5 years. I still have family and friends in the area and regularly shop there, attending the opticians there."
- I was raised in Cumbernauld, and I am a regular visitor there, covid allowing.
- Parents live in Cumbernauld
- Have visited as part of an MSc in Architecture and Urban Design
- I have worked and lived in Cumbernauld all my life. I understand in its day it was desirable and new. But fast forward to now. It is an eyesore, half of it unused. Cumbernauld needs to have a more social environment for people to meet each other. The shop choices that are available are poor and especially the old side has seen better days. Having covered outdoor space for people to congregate would be wonderful. The fact that the majority of people in Cumbernauld leave to go to other nearby towns who have high streets and facilities like a cinema speaks volumes. Even the choices of what to eat are primitive. I personally take my kids out every weekend and it is never in Cumbernauld. Why would I, there is nothing here. We have actually decided to move now because there is nothing here for young people.
- Resident
- Property journalist of 20 years' standing, architectural photographer, regular participant in planning processes in my home city (Carlisle), former Lanarkshire resident between 1989 and 2021
- Former resident of Cumbernauld and regular visitor.
- I lived in moodiesburn and moved to Newcastle in 1997. I have a lot of childhood memories of the town centre as a child.
- I have not worked inside the building but attended an open day approx. 3 years ago. They have been left to deteriorate and go to waste.
- I worked there for 6 years. Live locally and use it regularly for shopping and meeting friends for lunch/coffee.
- Local resident
- Have seen the building changing and becoming less and less used as it was initially intended. Worked for CDC and enjoyed use of their club for a few years
- "I remember it being built. However, it needs to go, absolute eyesore now and an embarrassment to People of Cumbernauld."
- I work in Cumbernauld
- I have worked in the building as well as using its services. There wasn't a way to select both options.
- I don't use the facilities however drive and walk by regularly using facilities nearby. I have no idea what facilities its overs nor feel I would be interested in using.
- Used and worked in the building
- Used and worked in the centre
- Grew up in Cumbernauld, live the town, hate this eyesore
- Have lived in Cumbernauld my whole life.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld for over 50 years bringing up a family in the town. The area has many attributes including one of the finest parks in Lanarkshire, but the town has suffered from the "concrete jungle" image of the town centre buildings



- I studied the building as part of the course in architecture I undertook from 1965 to 1972. At the time it was freshly constructed and felt unfinished as there were extensive provisions for it to be expanded. My comments are therefore based on my expectation of what might have been achieved as compared to the reality today as seen in the photographs. I last visited the centre in the mid 1990's as the director in charge of William McWalter and Partners, a practice based in Stirling, although I have lived in southern England since 1972.
- architect & environmentalist
- I have been inside both the shopping centre and the penthouse flats.
- Shopped within a couple of times in my 23 years of living here - the layout is awful - no shops of any interest inside. It is dated and unwelcoming. I know about the history of the building; however it is an eyesore.
- "I live in Cumbernauld and have despaired over the years at this ugly brute which is restricting development of anything else.
It's full of wasted, unused and unusable space.
The architect created a dump and we're now living in it.
Please remove it."
- When family moved to Cumbernauld in the 60s used to shop there a lot.
- All of the above!
- Been a resident of Cumbernauld since 1977 when I moved here as a child - the building may have been iconic when it was built, but it's an eyesore now and needs to be removed and replaced with something more functional for the residents of Cumbernauld.
- Family visits
- I worked in the area
- "Brought up in Cumbernauld since late 70's.
Still lots of family and friends in the area and I visit twice a week"
- Former resident of many years.
- Local resident
- I have lived in Cumbernauld for over 40yrs, and I have seen Town Centre being built, when I moved here Town Centre was merely a 2foot wall. I have used all of the facilities at one time or another. Some of facilities I frequented have already been demolished.
- Lived in Cumbernauld for 45 years and used the building frequently
- Resident in Cumbernauld for over 55 years
- I worked in the town centre for 12 years in the 1980s and 90s and have used the facilities since 1984
- I have used this building and the services within it since 1970, so I am well aware of its original form, amenities and cultural style from its original form in 1970 through each of the subsequent phases of development to the present. I also have experience of working in the building in the early 1970s when the local council - the Burch of Cumbernauld - was based in two separate parts of the town centre structure.
- "I have visited Cumbernauld to visit and see the megastructure last year. I knew there was a consultation in place and plans to demolish the building.
I thought it was important to visit the outside and inside of the building. At the time, I took photographs, visited the library, and used the facilities.
I have a personal interest in post-war architecture."



- I am a Professor of Architecture.
- Casual observer/resident but also been inside throughout the years
- Always thought it was the worst building I had ever seen so stopped shopping there!
- I'm someone who avoids it at all costs and travels to either Falkirk or Glasgow for any necessary shopping. It's a depressing eyesore.
- I have also worked in shops in the town centre
- As an architect with Cumbernauld Development Corporation, I worked on alterations to the building in the 1970s/80s to make it safe and useable. Later, in private practice, my company designed the Antonine Centre. I am now retired and have lived in Cumbernauld for over forty years. I am happy to contribute further with historical background information.
- Our original practice was within the megastructure.
- Work in local area
- I am a resident of Cumbernauld and have been all my life, I also work for the ambulance service in Cumbernauld.
- Former Cumbernauld resident who has used the building extensively in the past.
- It is our nearest big town, and we visit regularly
- I watched it being built in the 60s
- I lived in Cumbernauld from 1961 only moving away as an adult but with family remaining in the town.
- I have used the facilities - if you can even call them that - and work in the building.
- Being shopper
- As a shopper
- Casual observer who has been inside the building
- I use the building and have worked in it. I have also taught my classes about it. My parents were also in the car park underneath the day part of it collapsed years ago.
- Grew up in Cumbernauld. The town centre always was & remains an eyesore
- I lived in Cumbernauld for 21 years and used the Town Centre on a regular basis throughout that time.
- A casual observer who has been inside the building during Door Open Day
- I currently work in the town centre but I'm also a customer.
- "Been in shopping
Think the building is an eye sore .
Why would you make this a listed building there is nothing nice about it ."
- I became aware of the building as an architecture student, studying at Strathclyde, learning about the new town developments in Scotland and beyond. It was exciting to have an example of a brutalist mega-structure close by to go and visit when we were studying this period of architecture and the theories around it.
- Used to go shopping there when living in Lenzie
- I use the facilities and I am an estates manager for a neighbouring building.
- Shopping
- "Brought up in Cumbernauld.
Family tree there back to 1700s
Mother stays across from town centre"
- "(Several of the tabs above are relevant but it was only possible to click one)



I have done a very large amount of research on the Centre over the years, as a result of which, among other things, I have a complete dossier of articles on it in 1960s international periodicals, together with a circa 200-page report on its architectural and historical significance prepared in 1991, which I would be happy to make available to HES if that would be helpful.

On a personal level I was married in the registry office in the Town Centre in 1985."

- Our centre has been purchased by us and is connected to the town centre.
- no
- Have used Cumbernauld in teaching and research as an example of post-war modernist planning
- Use for both personal and business is within the centre
- I work within New College Lanarkshire, Cumbernauld Campus and believe that any development should include the College.

Q.7 Architectural Interest

To what extent do you think the Cumbernauld Town Centre is of special architectural interest? - Architectural Interest

- Strongly agree **(259)**
- Agree **(129)**
- Neither agree nor disagree **(84)**
- Slightly disagree **(107)**
- Strongly disagree **(1567)**

To what extent do you think the Cumbernauld Town Centre is of special architectural interest? - Please expand your reasons in the box below:

- The complex is an internationally significant example of the 'megastructure' concept. A salient aspect of this typology is the scope for adaptive re-use.
- "It was one of the first UK built megastructures and one of the few remaining. This mixed-use community based flexible concept is particularly relevant today and we need historic examples as reference. Not to say listing ossifies a building. Refurb first is an important architectural mantra and one that should be seriously considered. Flexibility is key to reuse.
- It's a fascinating structure that needs redefining. It was brave ambitious and fabulous.
- It should be saved, and I support the listing as a means to reconsider a viable redesign and reuse."
- The town centre is very important as the design is award winning and will never be replicated.
- I think that this building has been modified so extensively that it is now of little architectural merit or interest. The original modernist ideals that the centre was trying to follow were executed very poorly, and the centre has been a blight on the town of Cumbernauld, rather than an architectural monument or structure that people interact well with. As a result, it has significantly tarnished the town's reputation across the UK



and had a negative impact on the quality of life for people that live in the town and for all that use the centre.

- Building was ill-conceived from the outset for Scottish climate and spoils the remainder of a truly well-designed New Town
- "There is little reason to keep and maintain a carbuncle other than for some sentimental reasons over practical understanding of Obsolescence- practical, physical, functional and economic which this building has fully qualified.
- Dreadful architecture not worthy of retention other than in photography of lessons and mistakes in building and planning."
- Cumbernauld Town Centre was quite possibly an architectural triumph of modernist and brutalism when built in the 60's, however with the many changes to the megastructure over the decades since and the significant dilapidation and alteration of the buildings it is now no more than an eyesore to the town. There is no local or regional traditions demonstrated within the buildings themselves and although the architectural details on the 'alien' could perhaps be viewed as interesting we would argue that they have been catalogued for future generations and being classed as 'interesting' is not enough for the inhabitants of Cumbernauld, of whom the majority find the building ugly and not fit for purpose (a comment proven by the various titles the building and town centre holds from various sources).
- Nothing else like it.
- It is one of the most prominent examples of Scottish brutalism still in use today. It represents a very specific time in Scottish architectural history and demonstrates for better or worse the downfalls of the new town movement. Buildings like this should be protected as they are important historically.
- This was the first part of the New Town to be built. Some may see it as an eyesore, but it is the iconic image of Cumbernauld. To me, demolishing this building would be the same as demolishing Edinburgh Castle.
- As Cumbernauld Town Centre was the first undercover Shopping Centre in the UK. (Allowing all future shopping centres to learn from our mistakes) the Building won architectural awards when first built. The engineering required to build the building means it should continue to be of special architectural interest.
- One of the country's first mega structures and an example that it is possible to build a combined residential, commercial, and educational space, at least as it was originally designed.
- It is a great example of Brutalist architecture, of which is rapidly disappearing.
- It is a classic style of architectural importance. Town planners often have scant disregard for buildings, only how they can remove what they see as a problem. The existing council lack of innovation and design thinking to use the building for modern purposes should not be ignored for the bulldozers easy option. Historically in areas such as Glasgow they were allowed to erase history and this should not follow suit. Everyone knows its style is celebrated across the world as an important part of architectural importance.
- The original "vision" was remarkable and, if carried through to its logical conclusion, could have been visionary, it foundered on lack of funds during construction and beyond, the lack of a continuing vision and the truncated state in which it was left.



It deserves to be re-considered and built upon, with the benefit of the requirement for clever thinking that Listing will endow on it, not just be flattened for something bland and nondescript.

- It's a wonderful piece of architecture the people of Cumbernauld don't understand how beautiful it is. It just needs some money spent on maintenance.
- The penthouse section is iconic in the design
- It is one of the few remaining mega structures in the UK. Quite simply, it is unique. There is nothing like this and it must not be lost. Many buildings like this are under threat or have been demolished. Places like Robin Hood Gardens are seen as architectural failures. Cumbernauld TC may have its problems, but it has never been allowed to shine. It was never completed. Written off before it was fully grown. And it has been poorly maintained and never meaningfully restored. Brutal, modernist buildings with complex layouts like this can be successful. Look at the Barbican in London. It is a hugely popular and iconic attraction.
- I am only a lay person who was born and raised in Cumbernauld and have often visited the shopping centre. Although it looks dated and somewhat shabby inside, the outside structure and the concept of the designers of the time was in my humble opinion a radical one at the time. I just remember the interior walkways to the shops and the decor. The iconic round windows of the penthouses as depicted in the picture is an icon of Cumbernauld centre and would like to see that preserved in some way.
- I believe the structure should be kept; however this must involve using it appropriately for the community. With good imagination and a decent budget. Make it somewhere people want to go. Use it for art, community, live music venues etc. I'd rather tear down Tesco to be honest and use the carpark for something other than the depressing sight it already is. I'm not sure if this project could be trusted in the hands of a local council. Bring in the big guns and make it beautiful. Not just more shops!
- A unique structure from a time long gone, which the haters blame on poor quality of shops , not realising online shopping has decimated high street shopping , this building needs saved and invested in to bring it up to a better standard
- "This building should be looked at with a nuanced view. Cumbernauld town centre is a building that has been developed in phases and had many as-hoc additions to it over the years. As a former Cumbernauld resident and practicing architect, it is my belief that the original building be preserved AND allowed to adapt to allow for more contemporary uses. The original building is iconic however has become a negative icon in the media due to poor oversight & vision of more recent town planning, poor maintenance, and lack of purpose & imagination by those who currently own the building. As a designer of the built environment and a professional who grew up in Cumbernauld in the 90's I am keenly aware of the rhetoric that surrounds the discourse on this building. Yet having visited places such as the Barbican and Brasilia I can see the merit in preserving then adapting buildings like this for Modern use. The original town centre building (phase 1) should be listed. It is a representative of the vision of this very successful new town. There is a need for redevelopment of the centre however historic environment Scotland should prevent the future owners or Developer from knocking it down. They should instead encourage innovative solutions for redevelopment of an existing building which is of its time and is currently not in working order. A 20 Year master plan for redevelopment of the centre area of Cumbernauld should be developed which keeps the original Building and sees it put to new uses, with different configurations. Perhaps the



removal of the central Highway will go some way to assist this. In the time of a climate crisis, it is hard to justify the demolition of a once iconic building due to an acute lack of investment by private owners, what kind of message does this send to private developers on the future of building stock in this country?"

- It's has been a central part of Cumbernauld since it was created. Although it could do with cleaning up. It is still an important piece of our short history.
- The original buildings were definitely architecturally ahead of their time however some of the add on buildings around the original building look unsightly e.g., large superstores, fast food restaurants etc.
- It is very in keeping with the experimental nature of new towns and is an example of the ongoing struggle to find a way to build a focal point of a community built from scratch. In fact, it is basically another solution to the Councils current aim of building a mixed use 'hub' in the centre of the town.
- It's Britain's first indoor shopping mall that has been left to deteriorate
- The centre was designed exactly as that, a centre with mixed use for local residents. It's unlike any other shopping centre because it was never designed to be just that. Most people see it only as a competitor to other privately owned malls, but our change in shopping habits place those at even greater risk.
- "Don't really know enough to comment. That said I grew up in Cumbernauld opposite the town centre. For me part of the centre should remain as part of the town's history"
- The actual original town centre is beautiful. The problem is all the ludicrous boxes you've built around it over the decades and the way in which the main building has been left to rot.
- Whilst it's in fashion to say it looks rubbish, I believe that the worldwide cultural importance of Cumbernauld architecturally is something that should be celebrated. I believe restoring it to its former 60's glory would create a place that tourists would come. We are on the road to many tourists accessing the NC500 why can't we make ourselves a must-see pit stop on the way? If we want to do this, we need to celebrate that which makes Cumbernauld unique- we are a town build on a singular architectural vision that alone is fascinating to see realised. I believe the future residents of Cumbernauld would massively miss out if we do not both save and celebrate an integral part of our town's history. Furthermore, I believe an effort should be made to restore it to the original plans - so that it may be preserved for future generations.
- It's part of Cumbernauld. It may well be an eyesore but it's part of its history and a bit of it should at least be preserved.
- It is an outstanding brutalist building, an example of a dream for the future, from the 50s/ 60s. Shopping undercover. Statuesque at the top of the hill can be seen for miles, it is home. The mismanagement of facilities - the main issue! - must not be confused with this piece of Art.
- Pioneering urban experiment resulting in a unique brutalist Megastructure that is of significant architectural and historic interest and must be preserved.
- This is an iconic building, instantly recognisable to anyone who knows Cumbernauld. It's Cumbernauld 'Eiffel Tower' only smaller and easier to climb
- One of a very few examples of its kind
- "It is famous/infamous. It marks, in no uncertain terms, the continuation of the post-war ideas of decent social housing and services. It was ambitious and controversial. Still is."



- Cumbernauld was the most ambitious and experimental of the post-war new towns. The Town Centre was at the heart of that vision - all roads led here. While the building has been left to rot it is an architecturally and socially important part of Scotland's post-war history. It represents an era of ambition and vision that was unique. It was the first covered mall in Britain.
- First indoor multilevel shopping centre.
- The original construction and design of the Town Centre were right for the time - the penthouses, library, town hall and offices and central shopping areas were a real hub for the town. While the Woolco building was very popular, it was everything from that building onwards that has been done with no design appeal apart from building as cheaply as possible. These buildings are of no merit at all, the original buildings are obscured and even blocked off. The original buildings should be listed.
- The building, while relatively hideous in its current state, is one of the finest examples of Brutalist Architecture ever constructed. Designers had free reign to explore all possibilities. Over the past 30 years the building has been altered to suit the town and as a result neglecting the aesthetic of the building itself. This in my view is one of the reasons why people have come to hate it. I would much rather see money spent on reverting the building to its former glory than to see it demolished and replaced with another shoebox'esque building. Example and approach should be taken from London's Brutalist makeovers to buildings such as Euston.
- Cumbernauld town centre is a great example of brutalist architecture and as a town centre represents an important period within Scotland both architecturally and socially.
- "It is unique in its scale and ambition, not only in its provision but as a response to a new town plan. The intended range of provision, the comfort of indoor shopping/services and the flexibility were all new. Finishes were robust but interesting, with natural light as well as the artificial light preferred by shops, with fine finishes for banks and a landmark in St Enoch's Clock. I thought that the surviving parts looked and worked better than they had for many years when I last visited early this year, but I worried what had happened to the clock. I also think the way the end bit sticks out on thin pilotis is genuinely beautiful - and the whole thing is remarkably elegant for such a big building. Though who thought painting it blue was a good idea?"
- I know it part of a visit done with Architecture students it also was the first indoor shopping center in the UK
- In its time it was unique as a multi-use megastructure.
- It is a one off example of 20th century modernist brutalist architecture, there is no other example of this kind of ambitious mega structure and to demolish it would be a loss to the history of modern architecture
- It's a prime example of brutalist architecture, educational establishments have taken literal field trips from all over the country (and further!) to visit it for educational (architectural learning) purposes!
- "The building is quite clearly of special architectural interest given its position as 'the first of its kind' as a multi-purpose, multi-functional, covered town centre in the world. While the concept in its entirety may not have been replicated, Scotland and the UK has developed many enclosed shopping malls such as the Thistle Centre, Buchanan Galleries etc. utilising in various forms the use of multi-level retail accessed via ramp walkways, lifts and escalators together with enclosed car parking to provide a warm, dry shopper experience exhibited in this first model experience.



The structure itself has been viewed and visited by professional, academic and student architects and town planners as a learning tool and experience for decades. It is easy to malign the structure as a result of being a structure of its time, but who would build a residence or military structure today with the format, layout, materials, narrow corridors and staircases of Edinburgh or Stirling Castle? History and historical significance arise and exists in the continuous moments of time. Its existence for 60 years compared to other structures of 600 years should not be an issue.

The Innovative use of materials as part of the Brutalist-Modernist Post-War architecture is well documented. Cumbernauld Town Centre, albeit currently showing some arguably poor management and maintenance choices, makes bold statement with the 'stilt-supported' platform of what was originally residential accommodation. The Innovative use of glazed areas providing light among corridors and walkways. The use of networks of ramps, lifts, and escalators - some of which may not accord with modern design provisions, but then that can be said of any older structures - provide features of interest. The inter-connection of functional features where pedestrian and vehicle access occur on various levels, as do (did) the various functions of structure exist; giving an organic feel to access areas, civil, civic & business offices, retail, social activities, public administration and all that these pertain in a single body of life activities. Its significance has been heralded by awards good and bad. While the more recent negative awards are oft quoted, the purpose of those awards could be questioned, particularly as a means to promote attention for self-purposes; however, the conversation and enquiry revived and received by them demonstrates the impact of the design visually, physically, functionally and socially which in itself merits the benefit of protection via listing to allow it's continued existence and create potential sympathetic re-use and improved purposeful functionality."

- "The building did win an architectural award upon completion, and it cannot be argued that it has become an icon of the town. At the least, the elevated section with the long rectangular block should be preserved as a town symbol even if the rest of the centre is redeveloped, which it does need.
It would help make Cumbernauld town centre recognisable instantly and give it a unique link to a huge period in local history going into the future. Save that bit and I'm happy enough."
- "The whole of the original town centre was a futuristic installation at the time and the fact it exists is testament to architects and planners taking a bold step forward. It is interesting, has beautiful shapes and twists and turns not like the usual box of shopping centres"
- "I'm not sure whether it is architecturally important. I know it looks outdated and dirty and needs modernising"
- "A 1960s building which has lasted the years and still occupied and used from the library on the top to the carparks on the ground floor! It's also a modern planning classic! Bus stops taking you North as far as Inverness and buses South to London and beyond! A building that has been vilified wrongly as it's still operating as a town centre and hub for the new town!
What's the alternative- demolish it and build a nondescript shopping mall- like every other large town and out of city shopping location!
"What's it called- Cumbernauld" renowned for the catchphrase and our dodgy town centre- keep it as it is!"



- Great example of modern design of the era having won awards and how developers envisioned new towns of the 70s
- "Although I understand that some of the building needs work, parts of the building (specifically the penthouses area) are iconic within the architectural world. This building represented a new way of providing facilities instead of the traditional town centre style. The building features interesting architectural styles which may not be considered traditionally beautiful but are unique and identifying. What makes it an interesting piece of architecture is that it's unique and controversial."
- Iconic building that stirs up good memories for many, could also be used as a backdrop for a science fiction movie, like a 1970's or 80's one, right through to a dystopian one set in the year 2050. The nostalgic vibes here are off the scale. I never want to see it demolished.
- It was an innovative attempt to combine multi use in a single building and reflects the nature of architecture of the time. It is also a unique structure.
- The design of the portholes section is widely regarded as a foremost example of brutalism and attracts architecture visitors from far afield.
- It looks ugly from the outside but from the inside it is a Labyrinth. I think the old shopping centre with the rooftop carpark is unnecessary but the part shown in the photos here should be preserved and celebrated somehow. There is so much to explore in this old and original area of the town centre.
- There's no other building like it. It should be restored to what it was. Ramps and all.
- Cumbernauld is a failed new town never reaching its expected population. The Town Centre is evidence of this failing, which makes it incredibly interesting and needs to be preserved to understand the planners thinking at the time and its innovative design approach. Just because we don't like it now, doesn't mean it shouldn't be preserved for future.
- world leading class of integrated concrete town centre. no other city on earth has such a building complex
- Better than flimsy shopping centres popping up leaking everywhere
- A prime example of a specific period in architecture and town planning.
- It's a unique example in Scotland of a 1960's megastructure; it featured in Reyner Banham's definitive book "Megastructure"; and won many awards at the time it was completed. Although it's been altered since completion, given the demolition of other buildings from that era, eg. the work of Owen Luder, it's important in a British context as well as a Scottish context and arguably has international significance too eg. recognition by DoCoMoMo.
- Too many buildings from this era are being demolished because they are seen as worthless. We need to start preserving some of them.
- In its original form it represents a key moment in architectural design. However subsequent changes to the building have significantly damaged its essential design. Also it is accepted that its original functions are no longer suitable so very substantial changes are needed to the structure to make it suitable for a current use pattern. Given that the structure of the building itself is substantial and demolition would create a considerable and unnecessary use of CO2. The building should be pared back to its original form as designed and internally repurposed to meet future use requirements.



How such substantial change but retention would be accommodated by listing is a question that needs consideration

- I think most people are of the opinion it should be demolished. As a fan of Brutalist architecture, I feel like something should be done to preserve the parts which remain.
- It is unique and should be returned to original
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is of worldwide architectural significance. It is a unique structure representing a moment in architectural history. This is both in terms of its place as part of the ambitious New Town itself and the Centre. The sculptural nature of the building is best experienced from within, with some incredible circulation spaces. The materiality is heroic in places, with the signature cantilevered bar at the top of the structure. Compositionally, the megastructure has as much in common with Japanese Metabolism as the oft-cited Brutalism, and the combination of programmes within the structure makes for a singular piece of Scottish architecture. Its experimental nature was successful for many decades, but in recent decades it has been neglected and poorly maintained.
- "It once was an amazing piece of brutalist architecture, but the failed attempt at trying to jump on the bandwagon of modernisation has left the Cumbernauld town centre looking disgusting"
- It is a unique structure, an all-in-one purposed building housing shops, offices, public services and community resources. The architecture has few, if any, equivalences anywhere else, not just in Scotland, but globally. It is multi-level and in several "sections", each with their own character, but all joined to the greater whole. The architecture is rooted in 1960s so-called brutalism and stands out as a singular champion of that style that still functions on a day to day basis.
- "Architecturally, I feel like the building is of special historic interest as it documents the brutalist movement in the UK (a movement with a seemingly ever-depleting legacy). Additionally, the architects sought a novel approach to integrating civic, leisure and commercial functions within the building. The building has a sense of permanence and purpose that is sorely lacking in the metal shopping hangars that seem to pepper Scotland's towns and cities with stultifying conformity.

The original glass/steel fronted and hardwood fitted shop units with open staircases were stunning. (Originally McLeans chemist, the electricity board, post office, variety florist, Halfords, Scan, RBS etc) If these could be faithfully restored, this could also offer a pretty bespoke and desirable shopping experience, given the current need/trend to create 'destination' shopping experiences.

Whilst successive and current managers/owners of the centre have continually eroded and reduced its functions, there are still spaces that evoke enjoyable and novel experiences, as shopping centres go. Notably, the access ramps that lead to the library at either approach to the building, with vaulted ceilings and good examples of brutalist/modernist accents such as the studded rubber flooring and board-marked concrete.

As a child, the building was particularly welcoming and a fun place to be, on account of the labyrinth of paths, stairs, ramps, and walkways to explore. The building seemed to invite children to play and climb (notably on the seating/planters that sprouted throughout the building) I understand that health and safety legislation may have changed that aspect of the building, but I do feel that the architecture of the building was particularly inclusive of children. The favourite place for most of us was at the



intersection of phase one and two, to race ahead on the ramps and try to scare your parents by jumping out from behind corners or recessed spaces in the walls at ground level!"

- People travel from around the world to see the building
- "As an example of Brutalism, it is a significant building. Were the fabric (and quality) of the build addressed -i.e. that the building was assiduously upgraded and maintained, then we would have an iconic functional heart to the Town Centre."
- First covered multipurpose purpose-built town centre in the World? Europe anyway
- "The unique design in the 60s was groundbreaking and has been a landmark since then. The design was synonymous with Cumbernauld, and it gave a unique shopping experience. Keeping cars and pedestrians apart it kept the shopping a dry one."
- "The building is unique in Scotland and characteristic of the new town era of the 60s. Good for future generations to see this."
- the complex has architectural and technological value that has European significance
- The building is unique and should be considered a key part of the heritage of both Cumbernauld new town and post war Scotland.
- A unique example of an integrated 'town centre' with parking, retail, entertainment and residential facilities.
- It is a classic and unique example of cold-war era brutalist Scottish new-town architecture. To even consider knocking it down shows a disregard for our heritage and national history. I imagine the idea is to replace it with something bland, practical and cheap, like every other shopping centre in every other neglected UK town.
- It is a unique artefact of post war town planning and the dreams and aspirations of the 1960s and must be preserved despite the unsympathetic subsequent alterations. There is nothing else like it.
- It was ground breaking in its day as the first indoor shopping centre with other facilities all under the same roof. The Brutalist architecture is of the period and a good example of its type. Love it or hate it there is no doubt that it is unique and a source of fierce debate about its merits and its pitfalls. To replace it with something bland and box like would be such a missed opportunity to radically reinvent what remains of an architecturally very important building.
- On my first visit to the building, I was blown away but how unique, strong, and visionary it is. It is one of a kind and the Brutalist architecture should be recognised. I am in favour of renovation of the existing building rather than replacing it.
- "It's the most strongly expressed of its type.
It could be saved, refurbished and incorporated into a new scheme, to make it less isolated, as was originally intended."
- It's unique and represents the time and vision of when it was designed even though it has went through major alterations since.
- As you previously said, the Cumbernauld town centre was recognised as being an excellent example of innovative architecture when initially built in the 1960's.
- Brutalist architecture was an experiment and for me it works
- The main town centre building, with the iconic "ship on stilts" represents the first attempts to build an indoor shopping centre in the UK. It represents a theory of urban development popular in the 50s and 60s, a utopian design vision of a town of neighbourhoods all centred around a town centre building housing all necessary



amenities. It is a brilliant example of 1960s brutalist architecture. It absolutely requires love and attention, and the area around it deserves development, but the original building itself deserves to stay.

- The concept was unique. Alas it was not followed through to its final conception. I am led to understand for financial reasons. There may have been others, it was quite futuristic in its concept. I believe there were plans to have tower blocks at the north and south ends to act as weather shields from the wild weather extremes we experience on this hilltop location. All the facilities were to be on an upper level to continue the theme of segregating pedestrians from traffic as the road system was designed to do. Even in its incomplete state, it has attracted architects from all over the world.
- Cumbernauld is a unique example of the ambitious architectural and city planning projects of the New Towns movement. It's a unique take in city planning and think it should become listed to reflect this status. The building is unlike any other in the UK and a historic example of different ways to build town centres. Particularly its interesting have a town centre be walkable any alternatives to cars are great.
- A unique building showing the vision that the planners had for Cumbernauld a modern town and a show piece for the world
- Significant piece of post-war architecture, internationally recognised as such at the time and despite neglect and mismanagement still offering a latent potential for redevelopment that recognises a zero-carbon future. This sleeping giant has a lot to offer.
- It's one of a kind and makes Cumberland what it is, especially the penthouse.
- I believe the Cumbernauld Centre was the location for the first outdoor escalators in the UK, if not Europe. Other shopping centres followed Cumbernauld, globally. Where it fails, it is because it has been failed.
- Unique design and the wonderful way you can drive through the centre and park either side. The inventive ship like design is good and should be updated not destroyed
- The thin centre section that's on stilts, housing the old penthouses should be listed and renovated. The rest is a shambles and needs removed.
- The building of the town centre to resemble a ship in dry Dock is lost in the debate of is it an eyesore or just badly designed.

- "I feel that this Building yes may not look how it did when it was first built but it is unique in its own way.

For example, this town centre was the new modern way of building people had never seen concrete being used in such a way. Even today Cumbernauld still stands strong against the battles of time and change. The history is rich it was opened by Queen Elizabeth herself and even she was impressed. countless people all over the country have heard about Cumbernauld and when they imagine Cumbernauld, they think of the town centre and it's unique penthouses. I feel people of the younger generation just see a an old, abandoned building but I'm 22 and I see a building that is just amazing and in the name of history and preservation it should be protected."

- Surely the structure deserves to be credited for being built of a more environmentally friendly material and a natural candidate for saving.
- The top level "train carriage" style extension is, in my mind, iconic of the era and could, should, be incorporated in any modern reconstruction. Part of it could be used as a museum telling the continuing story of Cumbernauld.



- Despite being much maligned by in the past, the town centre megastructure is of international interest. To not recognise its architectural importance, specifically in urban planning and mixed use developments, is a mistake and will be seen as responding to a moment in time, now passed, when the public did not appreciate its vision and considered it acceptable to demolish buildings. I believe that based on examples such as Trellick Tower and the Barbican it should be listed as it is Scotland's contribution to an era of optimism; an important time in our architectural and community history which we should not obliterate.
- I feel like the town centre is a famous landmark. It was built for a specific reason and has been allowed to fall into disrepair over the years by the owners. I feel that the main part of the town centre should be kept and repaired, and the new hub should be built around the existing building. I have lived in Cumbernauld for 40 years and the centre has always been a talking point. It's also important to protect the architecture of the original new town central hub.
- I think that even though it's 'ugly' by traditional standards, it was very much ahead of its time in the 1950s and is very much a part of what architecture was then. So, it's literally zeitgeist. An exact version of what was being built in that period in history. Therefore, it should be kept and protected. So, it is 'heritage' although most people seem to think that that word means 1500s
- although some parts of the structure are gone now, are in disrepair and/or are closed off, I'm old enough to remember it as popular place to go. I have also worked there, and I think the College "space invader" Building and the elevated part which were originally penthouses are different enough to merit keeping. Part of the benefit of the centre was being able to get about without being soaked by the rain
- The design shows how the designers envisaged modern living in the 1950s when building a new town from scratch.
- The design and layout of Cumbernauld as a new town was very new and trying to be innovative at the time, with the town centre at the heart of the town. Externally, the town centre is a great example of brutalist architecture.
- Part of our history of the new town. I am born and bred in north carbrain
- The building is a unique and likely irreplaceable example of the megastructure concept. Whilst its design is divisive it undeniably has presence both physically and in the public imagination and is undoubtedly of special architectural interest.
- "I think the Town Centre along with other public buildings in the original town plan were conceived in a period of immense optimism
Yes, there have been compromises over the years - the location of the new town - loss of the original green scape etc"
- It is unique and at least part of it should be saved.
- "I believe it is of special architectural interest because of how unique the structure is, and how of its time it has been. It was a unique and innovative, supremely ambitious, design which was meant to and I think did meet the needs of a bold and ambitious solution to the needs of Glasgow's people at the time. It is instantly recognisable, all over the world. It was originally designed with reference to the hilltop villages of Italy, and as such could be regarded as a unique 'folly' within Scotland. I believe it was the first covered town centre (for shopping and municipal use) structure in the world. The structure itself embodies a burst of innovation and progressive architecture that sadly may never be possible in Scotland again. The innovative, 'of-its-zeitgeist'



architecture of the town centre has had a particular, peculiar psychological impact on its inhabitants.

It is still very much a usable building in itself, it is a testimony to its success as a functional piece of architecture. I would love to see the original megastructure retained and supported and acknowledged for the brave, audacious and optimistic endeavour it was."

- "Where else has a large indoor megastructure town centre?
It is a bit aged but it's like nowhere else and is part of the main reason many moved to Cumbernauld"
- It needs to be preserved, it's one of the most interesting pieces of architecture in Cumbernauld
- Cumbernauld Town Centre was conceived as an ambitious and radical re-thinking of the idea of a town centre. Unlike the earlier 'mark 1' new towns, such as East Kilbride, where the town centre was essentially traditional in comprising buildings on the ground (with, perhaps, the innovation of a pedestrian precinct), the idea at Cumbernauld was to imagine afresh what a town centre should be in the 1960s, reflecting the growth of car ownership and increasing affluence and leisure. The design team, led by Geoffrey Copcutt and including many talented, committed individuals, created a structure intended to contain all the functions of a town centre, and - importantly - conceived to be flexible. Functions were tightly woven together; pedestrians were separated from traffic. The innovation which the centre represented achieved it international recognition and acclaim. Copcutt imagined a future where shops might become redundant, and suggested that, in those circumstances, the centre could be repurposed as a giant 'vending machine' for the 'motorised user' - almost 'click and collect'. All this means that the core interest of the structure is in the fundamental structure and its ordering principles, rather than the accretions of subsequent decades.
- It was the first purpose built indoor shopping centre in Scotland. It is an excellent example of brutalised architecture in central Scotland
- A first example of a completely enclosed shopping, leisure, and office structure.
- It was a revolutionary design in its day and we used to have bus loads of Japanese and other tourists coming to see it. I believe it is of historical importance.
- It's been badly run and maintained but was a wonderful thing when it was built.
- It is a great example of brutalised architecture, we have very little of that in Scotland. I agree it does not work as it is used currently but feel it could be repurposed into something unique. I am talking about just the main old town centre...demolish phase 4 and the rest
- "First of its kind and an amazing place in its day for the community. And at a time like this community is needed!"
- Unique example of a megastructure in Scotland.
- Pioneering design, major example of UK brutalism, post war 'utopia', new thinking/new ideas, marks a major transition point in UK architecture
- It is a world leading example of new town architecture. I have been including it in my history and theory lectures for many years due to its importance.
- This is an iconic building of its time and should have been allowed to develop as intended by the Architect, Planners, and the CDC. It would have been a much more impressive structure had commercial constraints and the contrary needs of supermarkets etc. not prevailed in changing the original concept.



- This was an area giving access to social housing, offices, shops, and offices. It was a first in building town centres to play an integral part of life in a new town
- I watched the complex develop over the 1970 and 80s - irrespective of what you think about either the design or subsequent planning around the building it is clearly part of our shared heritage of local, regional and national importance.
- My family lived in Cumbernauld for all my formative years and I used the Town Centre pretty much daily or weekly at the least. Although I left Cumbernauld to go to Uni and then moved south after graduation for work, I had a continued interest in the place which I had so enjoyed. Even though my parents are now dead, I had introduced my son, who is interested in architecture, to the old parts of the Town Centre, over several visits. We also found photos of particular now-gone aspects of it online and discussed those. He absolutely loves the Town Centre and he agrees with me that it is well worth retaining and even restoring, where possible. (The same is true for Brian Millars' artworks and the abstract sculptures which gave the Cumbernauld children such joy and for the Cottage Theatre which hosted many great performers bringing art and theatre to the community over the decades). The original vision of the Town centre is magnificent - it's faults should not be confused with the abysmal soulless boxes which constitute the Antonine Centre. The lack of maintenance and repair North Lanark council has imposed upon the Town Centre and Cumbernauld as a whole, should not be allowed to sully the assessment of the architectural merits of the Town Centre. In Europe it would be feted, not destroyed, whether by neglect or the bulldozer. Please prize what is of obvious architectural and historical value to Cumbernauld and the wider world. It is iconic and without it Cumbernauld will have nothing to distinguish it from dullsville.
- "I think what is left of it should be preserved and regenerated for historical and leisure interest new hub should be nearer the railway station to suit commuters
It is iconic to the era it was built and was visionary in that it accommodated living, leisure, and business. sadly, not very successfully."
- The first all enclosed shopping centre in the United Kingdom. A truly unique example of what brutalist architecture can achieve as it was constructed on a blank canvas. One of the only examples of a 'megastructure' designed to encompass all facilities required for a town of its size.
- If it can be used properly then do so, but - it can't lie empty.
- The building is a "mega structure" which was considered to be a leader when it was built. It is a concept which has only failed because it has not been properly managed and maintained. It still has fantastic potential given that it is such a powerful structure with many years of life ahead of it.
- As a concept it was important in its time and is a monument to the folly of architects and designers
- It is fully in tune with the period in which it was constructed
- The building is of its time and is architecturally unique within the area.
- A historic part of the past
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is a pioneering building and a trailblazer, both in brutalist architecture in the UK and in integrated shopping and leisure facilities. The Town Centre was conceived of and built with ambition and flair that is it seen anymore, especially in 'insignificant' town settings. The homogenous proposed replacement is clear evidence of this.



- This is a unique building which is an example of architecture from a particular time which should be treasured, enhanced, and maintained.
- An important part of Cumbernauld's history and of that of new towns in general
- The building is an important example of Brutalism and the Post-war New Town developments of the 1950s and 60s in Scotland.
- It is an iconic building that's just been mismanaged and with the right owner and investment the building could easily be modernised inside and completely refurbished without having to destroy the building and would also be much cheaper
- My reasons are that although this building divides opinion it is part of the history of our Built Environment and as such should be preserved to provide a reference point in relation to the new town developments and the forward-looking aesthetics of that time.
- It is one of the few brutality buildings in the greater Glasgow area many have been demolished because they don't look pretty. I think we need to look beyond that and recognise the building IS Cumbernauld. It was a centre point at the beginning and the decay had been caused by a lack of interest and investment in the repair and upkeep.
- This kind of architecture should be restored and celebrated!
- Beautiful brutality
- Visionary, iconic, once beautiful, aspirational. Unique to Cumbernauld and so connected to the past - as experienced by early pioneers of the new town.
- The brutalist architecture is a piece of art from its time. We should not just sweep these types of buildings away from our history of development and architectural form.
- It was ahead of its time. Pirelli rubber flooring and shuttering used to form patterns in concrete.
- A lot of brutalist buildings have been lost and it would be a shame to see another one go. I think with the right investment the building can once again meet the area's needs. Given that the town is a new town the rest of the area matches the age and therefore the architectural influences of the site and a new building would look out of place.
- Born and bred in Cumbernauld it's part of our history would just like to see more shops and it modernised not demolished
- It was a groundbreaking building in its day. There are not many buildings like it.
- I think the town centre could be regenerated and surrounding area developed to support the design and structure. At the moment it mainly feels neglected and the original plans for the town were never followed through so naturally the area feels depressed. I think regenerating the space could be exciting as it is an original building and if cared for it could be a place people want to visit.
- The buildings are part of Scotland's history, and a tribute to the vision and commitment of the planning authorities in those days to better the lives of people living in the atrocious conditions of the Glasgow slums. They symbolise a time of hope and confidence in the future, so lacking in today's cynical, superficial world. Making the buildings part of any future development would maintain a link with the past, while benefitting the environment by avoiding the damaging impact of demolition, which is increasingly being recognised as a significant contributor to climate change.
- It was a milestone of architectural design. A lot of so-called brutalist buildings no longer exist.
- The structure is the only notable landmark Cumbernauld has. It is a symbol of the town and is what makes our town unique.



- It's a piece of history, we wouldn't treat other historical landmarks this way would we?
- Although the building may not be to everyone's taste, it is unique and iconic to the town of Cumbernauld.
- Yes the building is of special architectural interest both in Scotland and nationally. The building is a rare example of Brutalism in Scotland and stands as a record of ambitious architectural design and theory of the time. The building has been closely studied by architects and student and it has even appeared as the subject of exhibitions on a global stage such as the Venice Architectural Biennale.
- I think that sixties buildings should be protected, just, like buildings from other eras. You are fortunate in Scotland being in the lucrative position that you have such a large expanse of sixties buildings in this instance. Being from Liverpool, I appreciate how buildings from that era should be preserved. I know that in Lime Street Liverpool one of the sixties office blocks was demolished. Please can you merge these buildings, perhaps in glass, to help the people of Scotland to celebrate the contribution of architecture. Please use this architecture to contribute to maybe shops, housing or private property and help yourselves to celebrate Scottish architecture throughout the world!
- It is a striking example of brutalist architecture, too many of which have been demolished. We must preserve these buildings as they mark a period in history & although the 'style' is out of favour currently it should be preserved to be appreciated in decades to come.
- It is clearly of architectural interest. There is a body of evidence going back to when it was first constructed that indicates it has unique features. Also, whether it is "love or hate", it provokes strong emotional responses in people.
- An early and unique example of integrated town centre development with strong architectural characteristics, suffering from many defects and heavily altered but still having much of the character of the original building.
- It was the first multi-level multi-usage linear centre in the country and probably the world. It is a pity that the original concept was compromised by later unsympathetic additions.
- It is the only multi-usage multi-level linear new town centre in the UK and probably the world.
- I know many folks think it is a bit of an eyesore but I understand others are interested in it as an example of brutalist architecture.
- I believe that the Cumbernauld College building is a category B listed building and the town centre building is so unique that it too should have a protected status. While I agree that numerous mistakes have been made in its maintenance and neglect is obvious (having taken a tour around it's many phases again recently), much like similar buildings of its design, it can be nurtured and developed back into a landmark. The awful blue paint job, the hiding of the St Enoch Clock and the lack of care in the building will likely remain an issue in any new build, so why not save such a special design and evolve it into something to be proud of?
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is of special architectural significance because it is one of the few examples of a megastructure in Scotland, indeed, in the UK. It is one of the few and best expressions of post-war optimism and design ambition, which attempts to integrate into one elaborate and rational design, multiple functions including residential, retail, leisure, and civic institutions. It is not a pretty building. Its perceived shortcomings are



not due to design and vision, but to firstly a failure to complete the project as designed and secondly to maintain what was built.

- It is unquestionably the most pioneering of the UK's new towns, representing ideas of social advancement of international significance, unlikely to ever be repeated. It is arguably the most complete and earliest constructed example of the globally significant megastructure movement.
- It might not look pretty but it is what it is and is modern architecture like it or not
- "It was the first (or early) indoor shopping mall built in Great Britain.
A big advantage of the existing building is that the facilities are indoors, which provides shelter from the wind and rain due to being sited on the hilltop."
- This building is a fantastic example of Brutalist architecture that is recognized worldwide. Cumbernauld is known for being a boring "new town" with not much to offer. Our green spaces and diverse range of housing should be celebrated. This in my view is it's not so hidden gem. It is a wonderful sight that can be seen from all over Cumbernauld, and I have viewed it from all angles my whole life. I have lived in Cumbernauld for 47 years and absolutely love it. Demolishing this building would be a huge mistake. Many cities draw visitors for their historic buildings, this one is just as special, and Cumbernauld should keep hold of its history which includes this fantastic building. I am proud that this building stands in Cumbernauld and it should remain for all to enjoy. You can't please all of the people all of the time, but this building can certainly stand the test of time. Great architecture usually does.
- Groundbreaking piece of modern architecture that is still fit for purpose but like so many buildings of the period need a decent program of maintenance and repair
- Cumbernauld Town Centre, acting as both a building and urban strategy, is a time-capsule of an ambitious post-war utopian visions.
- Brutalist Architecture of this sort is hard to find in the UK, especially in Scotland where Gothic or Gothic Revival Architecture is abundantly found. The building is dated from about 50 years ago, compared to the building life in Scotland and overall, UK, this building is comparatively young. Brutalist Architecture till date stands to be the least common typology of architecture in the UK. The country's urban fabric is woven with Victorian and Tudor Architecture, mixed with today's modern Constructive architecture. Today, and even in 1970s when the building was built, the design and construction is of great significance to Scotland and UK's Architecture to have such a building in its built environment.
- "It's unique and I believe if it were to be flattened we would a large part of Scotland heritage This was a bold development at the time, it brought acclaim from afar and deserves to be saved for future generations"
- Everyone marvelled at the structure at the time of building. The design and engineering were a landmark to Cumbernauld. I have read many posts about eyesore remarks or pull it down. However, structures like the town centre are historically significant and should not be judged on cosmetics. This structure could be brightened up and the landscape surrounding it put to good use. People are far too negative about anything historical which is why people need to be educated about the building, the architect, reasons for the design and why it is important to keep. I study history and I am always interested in historical buildings. History is important to society, and we should not tear something down just because we want something new.
- It was ahead of its time when designed and built but sadly has become dated



- "The Centre is and has been an integral part of the new towns character and identity since the 60's. Having like many others, moved to the town with my parents from a then new town. Drumchapel another social innovation/experiment which due to lack of investment and political will lost focus and impetus. Cumbernauld town centre is architecturally and aesthetically suited to its surroundings in an environment specifically planned, structured and designed achieve the illusion that the built environment grew from the natural green belt surroundings. Giving a sharp and yet symbiotic balance between the two. The centre itself is well loved by the vast number of long-term residents who have seen the slow depletion of amenities within the core of the Centre, the emphasis on Centre as the heart of the Town. The brutalist style is distinctive and represents the post war hope for a brave new future, it actually stands as a perfect representation of the supposedly 'new' concept of the 'Central hub' which contained public amenities such as transport, medical, dental, banking, childcare, utilities, social space, such as library, social services, leisure facilities and access to local government legal and amenity departments. The Brutalist style is described as follows
Modular elements often used to form masses representing specific functional zones, grouped into a unified whole. A hub by any other name."
- It's one of a kind once in a lifetime design. Some good points` some not so good. When it was first built it was a place where the community used the shops, pubs, facilities, etc and it provided the services that the new town needed. It was different from other shopping centres at the time.
- Significant cultural buildings that have made important architectural contribution to the history and heritage of the country
- It's an impressive building - I used to like the ramps when I was younger
- see para below
- It encapsulates a clear idea about communal space when planning, social services and architecture were much more synergetic than they are today. It is important that we have built reference points of different ways of imagining the world. The engineering and investment in the Ed initial build structure provides a strong and practical armature for re-making enclosed and community spaces
- The Brutalist style is both a very much loved and unloved form of architecture, but it is not the niceties of its material finishes which are important, rather its megastructure potential as a unique landscape for evolution and renewal as a living, breathing 3-dimensional town centre.
- It is of its time but is a class building ahead of its time. The mix of uses on an exposed hilltop site is good.
- "In 1981, architectural historian Philip Opher and urban planner Clinton Bird described Cumbernauld Town Centre as 'one of the most famous mid-20th century buildings in Britain' (Opher and Bird 1981, 7).
When Cumbernauld was designated a New Town in 1955, the first generation New Towns were seen as fundamentally flawed. The Government projected that car ownership in Britain was to double in the decade to 1970, and treble by 1980 (MHLG 1964, 30). The inadequacies of their layout now revealed, the first generation New Towns were seen as unlikely to 'withstand the full onslaught of full car ownership' but Cumbernauld, the first of the second generation New Towns, was 'explicitly designed to master the motor car' (Buchanan 1964, 205). Colin Buchanan, an engineer commissioned by the government to assess the impact of the motor car on life in



Britain, saw the town's central area (i.e. Cumbernauld Town Centre) as an especially interesting feature in this regard (ibid.). The building embodies the central tenet of Cumbernauld's plan: to separate pedestrians from vehicles.

The opening of Phase 1 of the Town Centre attracted worldwide interest (Gold 2007, 161) and featured in architecture publications globally, including in the United States, Brazil, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Japan. In 1967, Town Centre received the International Reynolds Memorial Award for Community Architecture from the American Institute of Architects, having been shortlisted alongside Vällingby (Sweden) and Tapiola (Finland) (Gold 2007, 161; Grindrod 2013, 309). The jury described the building as 'the town centre of the millennium' (Opher and Bird 1981, 9). This remained the biggest international prize awarded to any new town.

Opher and Bird went on to state that: 'Although it lacks the dramatic impact originally intended, the town centre — and particularly the first shopping complex and the high school building nearby — is still an interesting example of the design concepts then prevailing, and it should be included in any visit.' (Opher and Bird 1981, 7)

Design

In concept Cumbernauld Town Centre is a megastructure. Megastructures were an experimental type of architecture that arose during the 1950s for several reasons. First, the car: car ownership rose dramatically from the mid-1950s onwards. The British state struggled to keep pace in developing the country's road network and crash safety legislation, meaning road fatalities saw a corresponding increase. Megastructures incorporated pedestrian segregation as a means of combating the dangers of the car. Second, shopping requirements: New Towns that preceded Cumbernauld generally developed precinct shopping centres that grew into independent islands which, because of the relatively low density of land use in their New Town locations, could closely resemble out-of-town shopping centres. This accorded with the rigid functional zoning plans of the first wave of New Towns, which percolated into wider urban redevelopment policy across Britain.

This view was challenged by an alternative line of New Towns in Hook (unbuilt) and Cumbernauld, which developed alongside each other and whose teams worked in close collaboration during the development of their respective plans. Hook's plan was published in 1961, the plan for Cumbernauld Town Centre was published in 1962. In these towns the shopping element was conceived as being part of a much larger physical urban structure i.e. the megastructure. The image evoked by megastructures ranged from the romantic to the futuristic, but they originated in the same awareness of increasing specialisation of building types and levels of car ownership which had led to precinct centres. Megastructures however proposed high density solutions and thus offered an alternative set of solutions more relevant to the problems of redeveloping the centres of existing cities. Nordweststadt, a New Town north of Frankfurt, Hook and Cumbernauld Town Centre represent the earliest serious efforts at realising the megastructure concept.

The use of the megastructure concept at Cumbernauld was initially one of necessity. While Cumbernauld was being designated a New Town, Lanark County Council refused to permit any development within their boundaries, resulting in the designated area being around half the size it was originally intended to be. This forced Cumbernauld Development Corporation (CDC) to maximise the potential of what little space was available to them. Cumbernauld Hill was chosen as the location for the Town Centre



building in part due to chief architect Hugh Wilson's penchant for Italian hilltop towns. The Town Centre architect, Geoffrey Copcutt, envisaged the town centre building crowing the town as an avant-garde interpretation of the citadel — San Gimignano cast in concrete. 'On the ridge an upper southern slope of the Cumbernauld hill, 200ft above the reconstructed Glasgow-Stirling trunk road, will rise a single citadel-like structure nearly half a mile long, 200 yards wide and up to eight storeys high. Elevated over a unidirectional vehicular system, this multi-level development, with provision for most of the commercial, civic, religious, cultural and recreational uses for a population of 70,000 will be the largest single employment source, traffic generator and land-space user in the town' (Copcutt 1963, 210).

On its publication in 1962, the plan for Cumbernauld Town Centre was lauded for the 'plastic virtuosity' in its design (Jeffrey 1963, 209). Architectural Design believed the building projected 'certain ideas of great potential significance', namely:

- The role of the architect in the shaping of the built-environment.
- The multi-level, multipurpose city centre.
- The nature of urban architecture in our time.

Flexibility was inherent in Cumbernauld Town Centre's design. Underpinning Copcutt's plan was 'a permanent structure with demountable enclosures' to ensure there was 'no reliance... on selecting optimum 'unit' sizes which can be valid in any event only for certain times in certain positions. In the extreme future if particular central area unctions decline... the centre could become a gigantic vending machine through which the motorised user drives to return revictualled' and, hinting at the flexibility in its design, he continued 'or, more remotely, it could be turned over to industrial production' (Copcutt 1963, 210).

In their critique of the building, Opher and Bird went on to say that Cumbernauld Town Centre was 'One of the best examples anywhere of an attempt to build a single vast structure to accommodate a variety of different uses' (1981, 7).

Setting

Hugh Wilson's earliest revisions of Cumbernauld's road network called for the town centre lying parallel with the town's primary dual carriageway. Copcutt's concept saw the centre spanning this road. While in the built version this is little more than a ceremonial gesture, 'it is still sufficient to persuade the passing motorist that he is enjoying the Futurist experience of plunging through a vast urban structure' (Banham 1976, 176). This appreciation of the building's setting can be readily experienced today by following the A8011, the dual carriageway that surmounts Cumbernauld Hill, and is driven beneath the Town Centre.

Writing in 1976, architecture critic Reyner Banham noted that: 'Cumbernauld Town Centre comes closer than anything else actually built to the eighth 'point on monumentality' of the Giedeion/Sert/Léger essay of 1943, which called for the creation of 'vast open spaces' in which 'monumental architecture will find its appropriate setting'. Located on the most conspicuous site in the town, the Centre's bulk is seen to almost crushing advantage, with no other buildings of even remotely comparable size to compete with it for attention.' Currently, the Town Centre is besieged on almost all sides by later retail sheds, though the generic nature of these is unable to compete with the Centre's commanding size, the character in its design, or its strong Brutalist geometries.



As such its status as the dominant feature of the town — as intended by the town's architects — survives.

Other elements of the Town Centre's immediate setting also contribute to its significance. In 1996, architect and town planner David Cowling noted that 'the entrance from Seafar and the relationship with the Parish Church of St Mungo's with its pyramid roof, demonstrates just what might have been.' (Cowling 1997, 60)"

- I am aware of listed buildings from my former role as a local government officer responsible for processing and issuing planning permissions and listed building consents.
- "As a megastructure of housing, shops, commercial offices, library, creches, market hall and at one time Local Government and also Government DWP offices, bus stations and covered car parking it is unique in the UK and in Europe. Le Corbusier's Unite d' Habitation has similarities, but on a far smaller scale. London's Southbank Arts complex has similarities but does not include the diversity of building uses as intended (and to an extent still exist) in Cumbernauld Town Centre.

It is the key landmark of Cumbernauld New Town which makes the town known throughout the world. It's the most recognisable and important feature from the air, especially on incoming flights to Glasgow Airport. The 7 to 12 storey white Bison concrete executive flats blocks have rewhen Other key buildings of still existing are Cumbernauld than the"

- It is unique but has weathered and is not as attractive as it once was
- It's an eyesore, not attractive, doesn't support safe access to shops and other facilities, it's a carbuncle.
- "The town centre as a whole simply doesn't work. It's dark, unwelcoming interiors remind (me) of poor third world shopping centres (I remember some in China in 1999 before the massive architectural regeneration and building spree (some amazing architectural feats of construction)

SURELY Cumbernauld could be rebuilt around the "big Bridge"" structure, improving immensely on the interiors whilst keeping a visual reminder of the town's historic past as a "brutalist" experiment. This doesn't need to encompass the whole of the town centre, which is unpleasant and avoided by many. More green spaces and less concrete are badly needed, but the historic nature of the ""big bridge"" could surely be incorporated into new plans. (sorry I'm not sure what this part of the original structure is called !)

As a postscript, the ""new"" Antonine centre is equally depressing and only really elevated (if at all) by the quality of a few retail outlets that attract larger numbers of shoppers."

- Should be demolished as it is an eyesore.
- Not Answered
- The megastructure of Cumbernauld Town Centre is of architectural and urban planning significance. The building is a bold and ambitious design that reflects the optimism of the UK New Towns Movement. Whilst it was not realised as originally intended; has been altered to its detriment; and has attracted public (aesthetic) criticism in the past, in its time it was recognised internationally by architects and planners. To allow its complete demolition as proposed would be a failure to tell the story of, and protect our urban planning legacy. It is further particularly unthinkable now that we must change our attitudes to demolition, construction resources and the embodied carbon in all buildings.



- I would have thought that preservation of a structure would have been to show 'best practice' - this structure may have served a purpose and a vision when it was first opened but is literally an eyesore now. We should not be celebrating and retaining this structure, we should be accepting that it served a purpose at a time, was not flexible enough to move with the times, and is now not serving a relevant purpose.
- It's old, outdated and an eyesore.
- The town centre needs to be knocked down and rebuilt. It's a complete eye sore to our town.
- It's a failed architectural experiment. The building has had water leaking into it since the 80s. The original concept doesn't exist anymore.
- Eyesore since day 1. Completely non-functional as a centre and focal point. Design disaster and should be bulldozed and consigned under "lessons learned"
- It's an embarrassment to Cumbernauld! Nobody wants it
- At some point in the past the building may have been but the building is totally run down and is a complete eyesore and embarrassment to Cumbernauld. The facilities inside the centre are also dreadful.
- An absolute eyesore of a building that doesn't get maintained by its current owners.
- The building is incompatible with modern life, is dark and unsafe in some spaces, beyond repair in others. It seems uneconomical to being out to a standard required to use it well and should be replaced.
- Its ugly and needs to be deleted from cumbernauld
- "The whole building is an eyesore and has been my whole 43 years of life. For a town this size and of people I have spoken to regarding the town centre, feel the same, it's an embarrassment to Cumbernauld and we deserve better facilities"
- It has always been an eyesore. I've lived here my whole life and never thought highly of any aspect of the entire building. It is not nice to arrive by bus after a trip to Glasgow or to drive past on your way anywhere. It is a concrete monstrosity. Dull dreary in an otherwise lovely town. I do not know any person young or old that likes anything about it. Perhaps up to the early 2000's the shops were at least decent. That's not even a pull now thanks to the centre owners being greedy for rent, rather than catering to the people of the town.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1974 and it has had it's day. It's run down, it does not attract good shops and is an eye sore
- Not fit for purpose and it's an eyesore
- It is an eye sore in the heart of an otherwise pleasant town
- I understand it is interesting to architects but it is also hideous. Architects can look at plans and photographs without subjecting the rest of us to it.
- It is an eyesore and keeps Cumbernauld in the 1960s.
- A collection of ill-fitting boxes, not fit for purpose nor pleasant in a visual way
- "The building is an eyesore. It does not fit with the style of other retail establishments in the local area.
The building does not have any technological or green credentials that should be saved."
- It may have been ground-breaking when first built. However, it has been poorly maintained and has many issues which are problematic for users and for those who work there. In short it is not fit for purpose as a Town Centre. If it had been of such



importance historically, why has it been neglected for decades. The local population need and deserve a functioning Town Centre not a monument.

- Just because unique doesn't mean it is worth preserving at the expense of the people that live there
- It's an eyesore, we've been trying to get it improved for years and if it is listed it will be one more excuse to avoid improving the town centre. Cumbernauld is a laughingstock, no one shops here, the place is a dump, and part of that is due to this absolutely hideous building.
- It is an eye sore and it is cold damp and like a rabbit worm
- It is an eyesore which is preventing Cumbernauld from getting the modern town centre it deserves. The existing centre is disjointed, and the selection of details is poor. Knock it down and transform the centre to interest high street retailers!
- It's awful. Not fit for purpose
- I appreciate that it might be of architectural interest, but that's of little relevance when we're talking about the use and space of a town centre which should be accessible and functional for people of Cumbernauld.
- This could be argued if the building was well maintained and had not been left to rot. To deny the residents of Cumbernauld a decent town centre hub for the benefit of people who do not live here is ludicrous and completely selfish. If a town has no centre, it cannot function as a town.
- It is old and an eye sore it ruins the look of the town, people that pass through on buses etc see it and majority of it is unused to penthouses have been shut for years, the leaks when it rains the list honestly goes on
- It's a rotten place to go to. Totally run down, leaking and smelly
- It is old outdated and has numerous structural issues ie leaks dampness etc
- A total eye sore! Run down and desperately in need of a revamp! Place is covered in dampness and leaks!
- This is not an aesthetically pleasing structure. It's highly impractical and beyond modern development. It's a maze, a rabbit warren that serves little future value to the town and its residents.
- It is unsightly and unfit for purpose
- It is an absolute eyesore and a stain on the town, I have lived here for 40 years and have never heard anyone who actually lives here who would want to keep it
- Cumbernauld TC should only be treated as an architectural interest for interest on how NOT to build and design a retail space. It is no longer fit for purpose and is costly to maintain and as such is neglected and only maintained to essential standards only. If architect and design students wish to study it in the future I would suggest the TC is digitally mapped for this purpose as a reasonable alternative to visually inspecting the buildings.
- The building is falling apart and is a total eyesore. The facilities are not fit for purpose and the application is a sham to stop redevelopment into something that the community want
- "Much of the original building has been demolished and or poorly renovated/changed. Investment is needed to completely change the future of the town centre and the town. If the building was of any historical significance investment would be needed to maintain and bring the building back to a good standard, this has not happened.



The town was originally a bright future for residents and the town centre is now holding the residents back from a bright and prosperous future, negatively impacting the living standards, prospects and reputation of the town and its residents."

- The building is no longer fit for purpose and does not hold any desire for anyone to visit it. Many empty spaces not being used, building not easy to navigate.
- "Whilst I understand that fans of brutalist architecture wish to retain the town centre building, I would strongly suggest that those who wish to keep the building don't live in Cumbernauld.

When celebrating architecture we should celebrate the buildings that work and have proven to be a success, this cannot be said for Cumbernauld town centre.

The building is an eyesore, smells of urine and is completely rundown.

The building should be demolished, it does not serve the town of Cumbernauld."

- The original design and concept have been so diluted through alterations and poor maintenance that it's significance has been lost. The architecture should be preserved digitally and a new town centre designed that is accessible and suitable for the community it serves
- It was of importance in the 60's and 70's but immediately started dilapidation when the hotel had to be demolished.
- It is an eyesore and not fit for the purpose of a shopping centre for the size of Cumbernauld.
- "The building is structurally in very poor condition, there are leaks throughout it where buckets are used to contain water.

The shopping centre is under used with many vacant lots or mainly charity and card shops where they are let. The building is under used with residents going elsewhere rather than using its facilities.

The layout of the building is confusing and dirty, it is not safe and contains many hidden passageways and blind areas.

The building needs to be demolished to allow Cumbernauld to rid itself of this 60s monstrosity which has been nationally ridiculed for decades and replaced by a properly designed civic centre."

- It is an example of bad architecture.
- It's an eyesore, concrete mess, time to pull it down and replace with something better
- It is an eyesore & a stain on the reputation on the area
- "I agree that the brutalist style is of architectural interest, but the building is not maintained or fit for any purpose.

Many examples exist elsewhere, and similar shopping centres such as elephant and castle in London have already been demolished."

- It is of no architectural interest if the building has not been kept to a good standard.
- The building is long past its sell by date, it's ugly, it's sprawling and the only people who can easily find their way around it are locals who grew up in the area. There are many parts of the building that are unused. It does not attract a good variety of shops as no one wants to rent an old leaky damp shop.
- It has been altered over the years and poorly maintained. I feel it is no longer the building that it was when first built.
- It's definitely not your usual building but it does not merit special architectural interest. Photographs will suffice. Cumbernauld very much requires regeneration and this has to go.



- The building is falling apart and does not serve the community in a positive manner.
- It is a total blip on the landscape. It's horrible to look at. I work in Cumbernauld and it's just so depressing to look at. There are so many amazing people in Cumbernauld and they deserve better than this eyesore monstrosity of a building. It should be bulldozed and the people should get the town centre they deserve. It's a disgrace that other new towns are much prettier and Cumbernauld is a mess with a ugly building like this in the centre of it.
- I appreciate at the time it was built it was of architectural important but given the space of time nothing has changed & is seen as an eye sore. The only awards it gets are negative is Carbuncle awards!
- It is an eyesore. It is deteriorating and is not a welcoming space to look at or be part of. It is not fit for any purpose. It prevents Cumbernauld having a real central hub due to the condition of the building.
- The building is no longer fit for purpose and the cost of maintaining it outweighs the cost of demolition and redevelopment
- The building is an eye sore. It is not fit for purpose. The upper levels are not used, and the lower levels leak when it rains. It needs a total overhaul
- It's a complete eyesore!
- It is now an absolute eyesore and needs to be demolished. It has been in a shocking condition for years and I falling to bits. For God sake don't list this building. Let it be demolished so we can get a decent town centre at last.
- It is of interest only if one is concerned with failures of architectural and planning.
- It may have been of special architectural interest at the time it was built but now simply appears an eyesore. Other examples of brutalist architecture have long since been demolished.
- I think it's unsightly and falling apart
- Aesthetically it's an eyesore, layout is terrible, smells, buckets collecting water everywhere, poor condition and in my opinion is needing demolished.
- It's an eyesore that should be demolished
- It is in a shocking state of disrepair & is the most horrible eyesore.
- It is only of interest from academic architectural social history but this in no ways compares to the functional and visual negative impact it has on its users and residents of Cumbernauld.
- Was excellent when first built but is now outdated and quite frankly an eyesore for the area. Newer shopping malls, etc are much more up to date and nicer laid out
- It is a historic eyesore. The building has been a laughing stock for as long as I can remember. For 40 years, I have lived in Cumbernauld and this building has held the town back. The warrens of pathways spread throughout the building have always felt unsafe, and often attract antisocial behaviour. This should forever be used as an example of poor design. It is simply not fit for purpose.
- The only reason I can truly think to keep this structure is as an example of horrific architecture. It is an eyesore.
- It is not only an eye sore, it stinks, it's unfit for purpose and it is Cumbernauld's shame. Frankly shame on the awful person asking HES to consider this ludicrous request. The place is unsuitable and undesirable for anyone to want to raise their family here.



- I don't know for certain but since Cumbernauld was purpose-built in the 70s and possibly seen as innovative, I suspect there is a small contingent keen to keep the building for historical reasons.
- Eyesore
- This building is not fit for purpose, it is an eye sore and its presence prohibits development of Cumbernauld.
- "The building is unviable; it no longer serves the purpose it was constructed for. The top floor of the building has remained unused for decades. The materials used to construct it have passed their life expectancy. No-one can cover the maintenance costs; the maintenance is a waste of money that can & should be spent elsewhere"
- The building is an eyesore, a depressing place, no worth while shops makes me wonder when I have to go why I live in Cumbernauld
- "The centre was built from concrete in an era where we were ill informed of building products. The centre is now past its lifespan & is in disrepair. The style & the design of the structure is awful & not fit for purpose. It's constantly cold & leaking & is quite a depressing place to be."
- This building is an eyesore, it is unfit for purpose. The experience as a shopper is very unsatisfactory. The presence of this poorly designed and visually unattractive building has held back the economic development of Cumbernauld town centre for years.
- It is of special architectural and historical interest, but it is also not fit for purpose and should be demolished!
- "It is only of special architectural interest to display what not to do in future. The design of the building does not create an environment that feels good or safe to walk about in."
- It's an eyesore and is literally falling to pieces. It's not fit for purpose
- It is the king of rubbish
- Only in so much as it shows what abominations were allowed to be built in the name of architecture
- Drab, grey, soulless, dilapidated, eyesore, devoid of character.
- It's an eyesore and isn't fit for purpose. There are much more valuable /important things which require protection
- The Cumbernauld town centre is an absolute eyesore. Half of the centre is unused, to let signs every second shop and outdated to say the least.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is a dated and dilapidated area, for what should be a modern, thriving town. If Cumbernauld wants to attract new investment to the town and wider area, it needs to be seen to modernise to be more attractive to external investment. The current Town Centre is not going to do that, it's hideous and brings the area down.
- It's an eyesore. Odd angles, maze like.
- The whole structure is dated and has not been maintained, the underside of it resembles something from Blade Runner when you drive under it, parts have been added over the years like a child playing with Lego bricks. It is in the centre of the town of Cumbernauld and is a prime location for a more useful and modern development for the people of Cumbernauld, I do not believe the architecture and design is of sufficient



quality to consider it for Listing, the people of Cumbernauld have wanted it replaced for decades.

- "This may have been true that, at the time of building, this building was of architectural interest but, unfortunately through the years and despite not having been fully completed to plans. The building has been neglected and even doesn't look the way it was meant to with parts missing.

I fear that if this were listed then Cumbernauld would be left with an eyesore instead of being allowed to develop into a people friendly town centre for future generations to be proud of.

Don't get me wrong, I have great memories, from years gone by, when the centre was the hub of the community but, as previously stated, without the necessary changes, this part of Cumbernauld shall remain an eye sore and get worse."

- Place is an eye sore. Inside is crumbling.
- The building is an eyesore and not fit for purpose
- It's old and old fashioned but the design isn't special, and it's already been updated and worked over and extended so it's not even the original design.
- It's not an attractive building whatsoever. It's half blue half yellow and generally an eye sore to the area. I appreciate the architecture around it however it's not fit for 21st century purpose.
- The building is not fit for purpose due to poor maintenance & is a health hazard due to the amount of bird excrement. The design means you need an ordnance survey map to get around the building and it's an ugly eyesore
- Whilst the building is indeed a sign of the times, it is no longer a functional piece of architecture - something that was at the heart of its original construction. Therefore, I believe the building no longer fulfils its original purpose.
- "It is a shambolic eyesore.

It has been in a state of disrepair for 30+ years.

The locals strongly agree we want to attract new businesses and increase the value of our homes redevelopment of the entire town centre is strongly desirable."

- This building served its purpose in the 60's but its time is well and truly gone, the place is depressing and sucks the living soul out of you.
- Concrete monstrosity. Not fit for purpose.
- "Our town is huge, we need better retail and entertainment facilities, I have lived here 22 years and it is shocking that that we do not have similar facilities to Easterhouse and Glasgow. I am tired of having to go to Falkirk and Glasgow for cinema trips and retail experiences.

The old building is a maze of uninteresting units and is not fit for purpose. I only ever went into it to go to the Clydesdale Bank which has now closed.

The front retail centre is fine except for all the pharmacies it now holds."

- "Complete eyesore
Have had to put up with this terrible sight for too long."
- It's a horrible, soulless shell
- It has a charm, but the building is not functional or enjoyable. It elicits very little civic pride. It is not valued by local residents, and many view it negatively.



- It was once a feat of modern design but has fell into disrepair. With the new addition of the Antonine centre it's been stripped of its full appeal and has been made into an eyesore not for use.
- I think architecturally it was significant when it was built however, I think the lack of upkeep has caused it to run into a state of disrepair and it now poses as an eyesore.
- Most of the original old part of building not accessible and not used. Used to be houses , offices etc.
- The town centre has been altered significantly since construction and has not been maintained in the intervening years, it is now no longer fit for purpose
- Place is not fit for purpose and has been an eyesore for years
- The building is an eyesore. Not fit for purpose. It's holding us back as a community, unable to modernise/develop and meet the needs of our growing population. Thousands travel out with Cumbernauld every week for shops & leisure activities because we cannot develop our centre and cater for the needs of our town. Feel very strongly that it should be demolished.
- Built to contain Civic Buildings. Bus Station, Hotel and Apartments - The facilities provided within Civic Buildings have been moved out. The Bus Station never materialised. The Hotel was demolished, and the apartments are mainly empty and neglected. There are water leaks throughout the building due to flat roofs and poor glazing and concrete has a life span - which considering many of the older flats have been demolished due to concrete issues would seem reasonable to expect similar problems in the Town Centre building in the not too distant future. This building has had its day and needs confined to the history books now.
- It has not been well maintained and improved since it was built.
- "I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1982 and grown up here. During that time residents have been crying out for facilities that are relevant to the demographic that live here. Now that the time has come that NLC are planning on doing so, as someone who will live here my whole life, bringing up my children & will hopefully have grandchildren here... keeping this structure is unthinkable! Not only is it ugly, but it is entirely unsuitable for its purpose and the needs of the local community.
For as long as I've known there have been buckets placed around the centre catching leaks, empty retail units due to the dark, windowless, depressing nature of the structure, as well as the mismanagement and high rental prices which have kept away the type of stores & facilities we need here.
This town has grown and is home to a much larger population than was ever imagined when the structure was built.
There is no community feeling in Cumbernauld, no Main Street and it's all tunnels and bridges... there are full weeks when you barely meet anyone you know.
The bus station is the absolute worst example. Growing up here I was terrified if I had to get the bus... and even more so if I found myself 'on the wrong side' for the direction I needed to travel. The tunnel-type corridors to get from one side to another means you are isolated and left feel extremely vulnerable. They also present the perfect place for anyone looking to get up to 'no good' to hang around.
We need a pedestrianised centre of town with a functional, safe bus station where people can feel safe. We need the high likelihood of Asbestos within the awful concrete structure gone. We need a return to more green spaces and gathering areas.



This town was built to be a safe, family suburban haven... let's move forward and allow this to happen in the best, safest way possible. I'm a way that will be lucrative for the town and local businesses.

As far as I can tell, the majority of people who want to keep this eyesore, don't even live here anymore, nor use or need the few facilities it contains."

- It's an eye sore, it is not welcoming and it makes the area look run down.
- It has been an eyesore to the population of Cumbernauld for decades. It has no practical use; it has been voted the pluke on the plinth multiple times. Cumbernauld deserves something better than being stuck with this if it's listed.
- As with most of Cumbernauld, the majority of the Town Centre was an experiment in concrete. The original plans are fascinating.
- The building is dilapidated, the buildings below are not fit for purpose, constant leaks, and outdated facilities, it is not a nice environment to look at and to use is even worse
- The place needs pulled down
- The roofs leak, the whole building has not been maintained and looks terrible and there is a terrible smell in some areas due to bad maintenance.
- An eyesore near universally hated by actual residents of Cumbernauld.
- While acknowledge that perhaps it was at one stage of architectural significance the building is no longer fit for purpose, it's in very poor state and just unsightly.
- Eyesore and building is not fit for purpose, poorly maintained and falling apart. Cumbernauld is a large community which deserves a shopping centre that functional and suitable for the whole community.
- The buildings that are in place provide no useable facilities and space. They are unattractive to look at and provide the community with no benefits.
- It is an absolute eyesore. Run down & no longer fit for purpose.
- It is a depressing arrangement of disassociated units and functions. It is confusing to navigate, and it is not conducive to a pleasant shopping experience. Architecturally it looks like an afterthought and poor use of left-over parts. It does nothing to attract new retailers or spending from outside of Cumbernauld.
- It's architecture only has negative connotations.
- It is a complete eyesore and makes the town a laughing stock. Not only is it ugly but it is completely horrendous to navigate. I recently took my son to a baby class in the library and it was hellish trying to find. It needs completely demolished to become a more functional space
- "It's a mess and is holding Cumbernauld back.
It's a concrete mess that has been added to with no consideration.
If it's of any interest to architects it can only be used to show how what appears new and modern can deteriorate without careful consideration to future add ons."
- This is nothing more than an example of a mistake. Mistakes happen and sometimes despite the best of intentions. It has little architectural merit or aesthetic beauty. It is simply a dinosaur of construction and should be allowed to become extinct.
- Having lived in Cumbernauld all my life and used the Cumbernauld town centre as my main place of shopping. I do not think it is of any special architectural interest. I myself and many residents find it an embarrassing sight and it needs updating badly or torn down and rebuilt.
- This is an eye sore and needs tearing down



- I am aware of the historical interest but just because if the past we can't keep things forever
- An eyesore , buckets all over the place, maze of different parts an absolute disgrace
- It needs to be taken down and rebuilt in order to better serve the local community. In its current state, with constant works always being carried out I.e., leaks. it's of No good use to the locals. The building would be so much better suited with the current plans to bring it down and re-build. The crucial thing through all of this is the locals and the locals deserve a space they can make good use of Cumbernauld is a large area with lots of different people who currently can't stand the town centre.
- It's an eye sore.
- It is an eyesore and is no longer fit for purpose. And it lets in the rain!
- The building looks terrible, the concrete is crumbling, it is hard to navigate and there are a lot of isolated areas where I feel vulnerable. Perhaps it was of architectural interest when it was built but it has for many years not been fit for purpose
- "It looks awful from afar and its genuinely falling apart. Most spaces on higher floors have been unused for decades.
Some of the floors/walkways reek of urine and there are buckets everywhere to catch drips. It's a complete embarrassment."
- It's an eyesore
- "It's the most disgusting building ever made in the whole of the UK. It has its Status for being so.
It is outdated, falling apart and empty because nobody would actually waste time going into the shops that are there.
The place is leaking water from left to right. Can only imagine how sound the structure is now after all this time.
The world changing. It's time to change with it. Cumbernauld Town Centre is a riot."
- Other than a lesson to be learnt so it isn't repeated. But us poor inhabitants shouldn't be left with the useless eyesore for that reason alone
- It's a non functional eye sore. Awful to visit completely run down and falling apart. Ugly and unloved
- Ugly concrete jungle. More suited to eastern bloc countries. Could be suitable for Putin's next invasion.
- I'm from an Architecture background and now a Design Manager with a construction company. I appreciate the building was significant when first designed but now it is a reminder of how NOT to design a town centre which should be useable by all communities, users should feel safe, with well-lit, wide-open spaces with suitable supervision. The current building has too many narrow corridors, too dark, areas are too separated. I wouldn't walk most of it myself and certainly wouldn't want my children doing it.
- "It is not functional or easily accessible for families and local residents.
It appears poorly maintained on the outside."
- Historic photos of the town centre could be viewed as an example of that nature of architecture however the structure has been significantly changed already and the surrounding area has also changed so much.
- A town centre is supposed to serve the needs of the community but as a result of its initial design, part demolition, damage and mismanagement Cumbernauld Town Centre



is it in a state which is frankly not fit for purpose. The existence of the current facility actively stifles the wellbeing of the town and inhibits the possibility of a more suitable development.

- "It is an eyesore
I will not take friends or family to the shopping centre it is old and filthy.
Rather take them to Sterling."
- It's an eye sore of a building x square concrete ugly building that does nothing for the centre of Cumbernauld
- While the significance and history of the building is to be admired, it is simply not fit for purpose and has been this way for most of my lifetime. The regeneration of the area may help to improve living standards and the local economy, which has suffered in no small part due to lack of investment in this centre.
- It is of historical interest but is not usable now so the history and architecture could be preserved another way with a model in a museum perhaps. Not worth keeping this building, it is too far gone and not up to modern sustainable standards. Very cold place to work. Leaking in many places.
- I understand the significance of it as the first multi-level shopping centre. However, it is the literal blueprint of how not to design a building. It should be remembered and documented for this importance, but the town and surrounding area, should not be punished and have a total lack of social and economic advances purely to commemorate one building. This town deserves better. The building is a Hodge podge of mistakes and errors about design and future proofing, and really needs to be levelled with the town given the facilities it has been craving since the 90s/00s. The shopping centre has more buckets collecting rain on any given day than it has Tennant's and shopkeepers. It is an ugly building, its hay day has long been and gone, it is a crumbling hunk of junk. It would be crippling and cruel to keep this structure in the town.
- I agree that it's an iconic design and of its time - but that doesn't mean it works as it was meant to!
- The building is an eye sore. It's not fit for purpose
- Grew up in Abronhill as a kid, and it was a great place back then, but now it's an eyesore. Falling apart, leaking everywhere, 1/2 empty shops. It's just a mess...
- Get the bulldozers in.
- The building is an eyesore and is in very poor condition.
- It is an eyesore and very difficult to navigate I have loved in Cumbernauld for almost 40 years and it's just not for purpose anymore
- Absolutely none. It's not appealing to look at, it never has been.
- I understand that it is because of its design and function when it was built however, it is now a complete ruin.
- I agree that at the time it was constructed it was innovative and at the forefront of architectural design, showcasing a "new town", but where it is interesting now is in its dilapidated state.
- It is an eyesore and has been since the 1980s when I was asked what could be done to improve. The answer then was to demolish but that never happened so hopefully this time it will



- I've lived in the town for 48 years. It's an eyesore and a blight on the town. It's lacking soul and collective community pride in our town. Cumbernauld only seems to be recognised as that town with the horrible concrete town centre. Demolish it!
- The structure and design have had its day. It is now an eyesore! Additionally, the design lends itself to a huge waste of space. Attracts the wrong type of retail shops. It should be completely destroyed and rebuilt to re-invigorate the town centre area. No one will travel to Cumbernauld from any other town as it stands now.
- The centre has already been changed so far from the original design that what is left is a small part of what made it interesting in the first place.
- The Cumbernauld Town Centre has been an eyesore since I was born over 30 years ago. It is completely unfit for purpose as a central focal point for a community. The recent 'improvements' with the Antonine centre and other piecemeal changes have made it worse to be honest. It has a dual carriage way running through the centre and the current owners have let it fall into complete destitution. It may have some interest for some London /Edinburgh based brutalist architecture buffs - but for the community who actually use it is a badge of shame.
- This has been an eyesore of a structure and is actually better to be demolished and start again it's a disjointed structure trying to blend old and new it doesn't work
- It's an outdated eyesore
- I did not live here in the early days but whatever it was designed to do then it does not fulfil current needs. It is now a slum, and most people avoid going there. It has an abandoned look and feel. The exterior of the whole town centre is abysmal and an embarrassment.
- The building was an experiment of the time when all local authorities were tearing down older buildings and/or building concrete buildings "of the future". It may have worked when it was new, but it is a failed experiment that is an eyesore to the landscape and affects the community on how others view Cumbernauld and does not work for the present or the future. It is no longer compatible with modern town and community planning policies and ideologies and to be made listed hinders improvement on the town.
- Although the building is unique it is long past its sell by date and is now unfit for purpose and can no longer be utilised in a meaningful manner to suit the needs of the community.
- It has won Caruncle of the Year award TWICE. As someone who has lived in the town all her life my husband also, we do have 3 sons and agree it is an absolute eye sore the town centre needs a total rebuild and decent facilities namely a cinema to attract the young people.
- It's horrendous, ugly and not fit for purpose. The people of Cumbernauld have been failed.
- It's a jumble of buildings not one of the structures look better or has been maintained better than the other. It is outdated it might have been a marvel when it was built but is now in dire straits and always leaks.
- Although the design may be considered cutting edge at some point, the layout of it means that the service entrances are public facing on almost all sides making it an absolute eyesore.
- It is an eyesore and quite frankly I think it's dangerous, if it's not pulled down it may well fall down on its own



- "The building is a decrepit eyesore that is poorly maintained and falling apart, most of the lifts don't work, the interior is very worn there are leaks everywhere to the point that buckets are often found on rainy days all over the town centre to catch dripping ceilings. Damp patches can be seen in the roofs, it's not easy for people not familiar with the building to navigate and the heating doesn't work in the building. The building looks like a half played game of Jenga that has been abandoned, much like the current owners have when it comes to routine maintenance."
- It's a rundown shambles of a building. It's embarrassing eyesore
- "It's a total eyesore and has the most awful retail choice! There is buckets everywhere when it rains, no signage for people who don't use it often and they get lost, how the heck you find even the library is a headache. Stairs closed, lifts broken, escalators regularly either off or broken...
Cumbernauld needs a total rebuild! We are an absolute joke!"
- There is nothing architectural about this building - square /rectangular shapes on top of or alongside each other - a child could have built similar with Lego. It is an eyesore and needs to be demolished. This twin is a laughingstock because of it.
- It's a monstrosity and is preventing modernisation and expansion in the town.
- The building is an eyesore and the structural layout of it makes it unfit to be a modern, open plan central shopping hub for a town the size of Cumbernauld that has expanded significantly since the centre was originally built. It needs to be knocked down and rebuilt to provide the town with a modern, suitable, central shopping hub that it deserves and to compete with other new towns across Scotland.
- The building was an experiment which I applaud but frankly this inhibits Cumbernauld from developing to a modern town which meets the needs of its inhabitants and visitors. A fit for purpose civic town Centre is much needed.
- The town centre building is not something that the people of Cumbernauld should be proud of regardless of any awards it won at the time of construction. I had not continued to be as multipurpose as intended with no apartment's hotel measure facilities. The building is old and in disrepair. It is cold, dirty, and smelly. The concept was something to be admired but in reality, it didn't work and no one that I know would say they are proud of it or would suggest people come to see it. I'm all for listing building that have important histories, but these histories and the present building need to be of interest and certainly not one of distain.
- It is not the 1960's anymore. The whole centre is outdated.
- It may have heritage, but this building isn't s an eyesore
- It's awful looking and I really hope it's pulled down and they build a new centre.
- This building always was and continued to be an eyesore. I lived in the town for over 20 years and never heard a positive comment about it. Retaining this carbuncle would be an insult to the people of Cumbernauld.
- The town centre is in bad need of regeneration and modernisation. It is not fit for purpose anymore nor fir future generations. The Councils town centre plan is far more beneficial to current and future residents
- There is no place for this 60's monstrosity in this day and age, leaving aside that it is unfit for its purpose. If a listing order prevents it being changed it would hinder Cumbernauld's development for decades to come



- It may have been the first indoor shopping centre but about half of it has already been demolished and what is left is completely unfit for purpose. It's an eyesore, it leaks, it adds nothing to the Town and is a poor example of a useful building for the top of a hill in Central Scotland. All it's good for is as an example of what not to build!
- It's an eyesore and accessibility is poor. The lifts are scary for a woman or other vulnerable person especially as they go right up to the penthouses and can be very isolating and dangerous esp. if there are groups of people drinking alcohol up there. The bus stops in particular are an embarrassment and very isolated at night too. The town centre is made up of a few large box structures and is not pleasing to the eye at all. The whole town centre is an embarrassment to Cumbernauld. Built to please retailers not customers.
- "It's actually the most horrific building I have ever seen or had the displeasure to use. It was originally designed for people to use as homes and shops together which never worked out at the time now the majority of it lies empty. Everywhere leaks and the lifts don't work. It's astounding that anyone suggested listing this building. Oh where would you like to go for a visit today kids Stirling Castle? No, never mind there let's go visit Cumbernauld town centre the place that won the Carbundie Award"
- "The building back in the day was lovely and well maintained. Sadly, that is not long. The whole structure is an eye sore. Not maintained properly. There is many structural issues/damage.
The only thing for it is pulling it down and restarting unfortunately. The person who has submitted for it to be listed of special architectural interest. Is clearly holding on to memories. It's clear to see the build is no longer fit for purpose for the local residents."
- The buildings are run down and depressing. I have lived in Cumbernauld most of my life since 1966. The town has never had a decent shopping centre and this concrete monstrosity has never met the resident's needs. I realise it may be of architectural interest, but it just continues to decay. The concrete ramps to the upper levels smell of urine. There is a lot of wasted space and water leaks from the ceilings. It is a dump and the people of Cumbernauld need a decent shopping centre. I find that we frequently have to go to Glasgow to shop if we need anything other than groceries.
- Ugly, doesn't represent anything unique.
- "As the ruination of Scotland continues under a single policy government, even iconic stores in city centres are being left destitute as the anti-economy stance drives businesses out of Scotland. Cumbernauld centre is not one of those iconic buildings and is dilapidated, outdated and unfit for purpose with much of it left empty. Why anyone would want it to remain beggars' belief and of course will only serve as a hypothetical tombstone in the dying throes of a neglected economy.
It is neither pleasing to the eye, nor is it an enjoyable visit. Rip it down and encourage businesses to come to Cumbernauld with a new centre. The town is perfectly located for the modern shopper and demands rejuvenation with new outlets."
- It's an eyesore and a mess. There is nothing of architectural interest in the building. It should be knocked down.
- It is an eyesore and needs to be pulled down! It lies empty and is of no use to modern times it needs to go
- It's an example of how NOT to build a town centre.
- Lump of concrete substance of which is deteriorating over time. IS AN EYESORE. Is a difficult building to navigate and use. Not user friendly or accessible.



- I feel Cumbernauld would benefit greatly if the town centre was redeveloped. I don't feel the building should be kept. I've been brought up in Cumbernauld all my life and don't remember the building being used for the benefits of the community.
- Truly ugly. No merit.
- It's a hideous eyesore not fit for purpose, the history behind it is well documented and this is enough the actual physical building doesn't still need to be standing, photos and archives are enough
- Every aspect of the 'megastructure' encompassing all the listed attributes are abandoned, run down, unmaintained, and the units in the centre are so leaky and overpriced that you have to travel from one end of the 'mega' pain in the rear to the other for the only 2 shops that are there, the apartments are abandoned, most of the top corridors are abandoned and unsafe
- "I do not feel the Cumbernauld town centre has any special architectural interest. It is an eyesore for the town, it lacks facilities and shops. It is outdated and run down.
Most of the areas within the town centre have been closed and empty with no access to the public in years. A new redevelopment town centre would benefit Cumbernauld and its residents. It would make people feel proud and happy to live in Cumbernauld whereas at the moment the town is a laughing stock.
The residents of the town want more retail shops, entertainment for families and young people who don't want to travel to Glasgow, and just somewhere to go for a day out."
- It is an eyesore
- It is a disjointed group of pods simply stacked together like children's building blocks, has no aesthetically pleasing looks either externally nor internally. The internal layout is dysfunctional and does not lend itself to inviting footfall to wander through its labyrinth like passageways and corridors. A horrible throwback to a time of architectural design that was thought to be modern but in actual fact it looks highly unattractive and continually needs lots of maintenance to keep it from looking derelict. Please destroy it...for the good of this town as it can never be made into something that we can use and enjoy.
- "Looks terrible, is very impractical and badly laid out inside, many leaks. The cost of renovating/ modernising would far outstrip that of building a new structure. Architecture has been well documented so will not be lost."
- "Cumbernauld Town Centre is a dated concept that may, or may not, have worked at the time of Construction. However, it has quickly become dated and is now very very quiet. It's an uninviting area, under used and as such is having a negative impact on any regeneration plans for the area.
Most residents I know feel unsafe and avoid where possible.
Cumbernauld had expanded over recent the more recent years particularly with the significant developments to the North of the M80. However, the town centre offer has not serviced this boom. The architecture and structural layout of the Town Centre plays its role in this demise."
- It's of no interest to myself
- It is an eyesore, empty units, large parts no longer even used (penthouses). Let's in water etc.
- When it was constructed, it certainly gained some followers as a unique design but I have always looked upon it as an eyesore.



- I recognise the building's architectural importance, but it's an eyesore, an embarrassment and not fit for purpose. If it becomes a listed building it is just going to fall into disrepair and become dangerous.
- It is outdated, an eyesore & not fit for purpose.
- "It is a complete eyesore
It's difficult to access all the various points (particularly with a pram)
It's so vast and underutilised, particularly the older part up at the library, that when I am going up to that section I feel quite unsafe as a lone female. It's leaking water from the roof and is very cold.
The lifts rarely work
It does nothing to benefit the town and is an embarrassment"
- Nothing special about the building doesn't bring any tourist to the town for being special!
- It's an eyesore of a building and full of leaks etc inside. Why anyone would want to list this building is beyond me!
- "At the time of its construction, it won recognition as an outstanding example of town centre planning and modern innovation.
Exactly as it says.... AT THE TIME!
It's almost 50 years later, and the residents of Cumbernauld deserve better - more modern facilities"
- To be fair. It is a very fascinating building & not something you would usually see. But doesn't mean we have to keep it forever.
- "The building is no longer fit for purpose. It is an absolute eye sore and instead of attracting visitors it puts them off. There is a great opportunity to get locals coming back to the heart of Cumbernauld to spend their time and money locally. Also new people as Cumbernauld are prime location for passers-by from places such as Stirling, Falkirk, Glasgow and Edinburgh.
To keep this and place it as a listed building would be a waste of space and more than likely will end up derelict."
- Needs knocked down and something decent to bring people to Cumbernauld
- This building is an eyesore and in disrepair
- It is unsafe, many people have been mugged and women attacked. It's not easy to find your way around - like a maze!
- It is an absolute eyesore and should be raised to the ground. It has given me sore eyes looking at it for the past 49 years and is so embarrassing when visitors come from another country.
- "I watched it being constructed and it was a mess back then in the mid 60s and is even worse almost 60 years later, so lord know what it'll be like in a further 60 years. Its been leaking since day one and still is, which must be weakening the concrete, so it would need to be demolished sooner rather than later.
This place is unfit for use and is shown by the very poor footfall of prospective customers. There are more charity shops than any other kind of shop and that speaks volumes."
- "It is outdated, ugly and a complete eyesore.
It would be like saying Adventure Planet is of special architectural interest."



- It is of interest, but has long been a depressing dinosaur to those who live there. 3D imaging and a virtual tour capability would be sufficient. Overlays relating to different times in its history would be fantastic, but the building should go.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre represents a period in Architectural history and culture that was limited financially. As such, the development is functional but not aesthetically appealing. When you grow up and around this structure, which has the appearance of an industrial tragedy. This structure has left myself and my loved ones who have been exposed to the building for over 45 years, with the sense of living with a large ominous factory like object that is not reflective of the community. The building is an eyesore, it is challenging to maintain and manage. A judgement, due to observed decay within areas of the building. The people of Cumbernauld deserve a modern building that will attract business and financial development. The existing structures existence should not be prioritised over the overarching needs of the people of Cumbernauld. Cumbernauld will benefit from redevelopment of this building once it has been removed from the area.
- It has been changed quite a lot since it was originally constructed, and changes have not been in the same spirit as the original.
- It is an aged unsightly structure that is not fit for purpose, with many unusable areas
- It was innovative originally but has been changed too much by adding unsightly 'boxes' to it and has been allowed to deteriorate. It has never felt like a safe place at night either.
- "Although if it's time, I do not think it is remarkable enough to be of specialist interest and is indeed an eyesore"
- It's the most hideous building I have ever come across and Cumbernauld has been held back for the last 40 years because of it
- "It's fascinating to wonder why any architect would choose to design such a structure. Its only truly unusual points are:
 - A road runs through the middle of it (making it inconvenient to anyone trying to get from one side to the other).
 - The bizarre unused penthouse section that juts out.

Otherwise, it looks like a fairly standard example of any other communist/soviet era building."

- Its time has been and gone. Many areas are no longer in use. It is crumbling and in a bad state of repair.
- The building has been significantly remodelled over the years with ongoing maintenance neglected. It wasn't fit for purpose when it was first built and doesn't have any economic use now. To retain it would serve no benefit to the building or town and would prevent the full regeneration Cumbernauld needs after many years being stigmatised by the carbuncle awards. Very much doubt it would conform to any current building regs or fire regs without further significant remodelling.
- The building is an eye sore and in dire need of regeneration.
- The building is not fit for purpose. It has aged badly and is way past its useful lifetime. A good town centre should be an open, beautiful community space not a dingy, brutal concrete monstrosity.
- Maybe in its time but sadly it's been left to ruin and is not fit for purpose. It is a seriously depressing soul sucking place to be.



- "It is a shame but if it becomes a listed building no adaptations to improve it will happen and it's horrific inside
Its wet, slippery, dark and sinister at night-time.
It needs to go!"
- The various buildings and the add-ons that have been put there over the last 50 years were passed their prime in 1992 never mind the subsequent 30 years in which deterioration of the Santa is never been Standall stopped it leaks it's roasting concrete falling apart please it should never ever consider for listing
- The building no longer serves the purpose it was originally built for. It is falling apart. The roof constantly leaks, and buckets are put out preventing wheelchairs, prams etc being able to safely use the 3rd floor amongst other things. An awful lot of money would need to be spent on it bring it up to a semi decent standard and no organisation has the money to do it
- The building is an eyesore and having been built in the 50s 60s it hardly has any historic value to it.
- "The present building structure is outdated and no longer fit for purpose. I do agree with the comments of the Structure being an "eye sore".
The plans to modernise the whole area and to upgrade the facilities to meet the demands of today's visitors, is very much welcomed and appreciated."
- It's a mess and an eye sore.
- The building is an eyesore and does not benefit the residents of Cumbernauld
- "The building is very very very ugly, absolutely awful to use, totally unfit for purpose, dilapidated, drafty, unsafe in areas and a blight on the landscape.
Cumbernauld has a reputation as one of the worst towns in Scotland but the town itself is wonderful. It's the town centre that give the place a bad name."
- I understand that it is an example of bad architecture of its time but it's just looking worse for wear every year & should be demolished & started again. I don't think it's of special architectural interest
- It's dated and ridiculous looking. It's time Cumbernauld residents got a decent town centre. I only ever go if I am desperate for something. I would to other towns shopping centres as they have more and decent shops
- It is an eyesore that has prevented the regeneration of Cumbernauld. Tear it down!
- It's a well-known abomination.
- The building is no longer fit for purpose. It's a complete eyesore and is not suitable as a normal town centre.
- The building has been changed repeatedly through the years, the special architectural interest was on an original design that never came to full fruition. Several parts have already been demolished over the years.
- Whilst it may be if architectural interest it is no longer fit for purpose and is not used as intended eg penthouses uninhabited for many years.
- "Horrible looking building.
People outwith Cumbernauld mock the town due to the mess of the building without reading there are other nice places in Cumbernauld."
- It's exactly the opposite and should only ever be used as a bad example.
- It's a monstrosity and Cumbernauld deserves better a more purpose-built building.



- It was a failure - what remains of it does not represent the original building - part of that fell into a car park. Additionally, it is now a hodgepodge of badly designed add ins.
- "It is outdated and really not
In tune with the needs of a modern community. Cumbernauld has a thriving population of professional families who regularly leave the area for shopping and leisure. A more modern town centre which reflects the communities' needs would be a much better solution."
- Outdated old and unfit for purpose
- None whatsoever. It is an antiquated and shabby relic of a bygone era and not fit for purpose in present day Cumbernauld. What should be a proud and thriving flagship at the heart of our community is in reality an embarrassing disgrace in drastic need of modernisation.
- Badly designed, never has been fit for purpose
- As an example of concrete cancer and shoddy building projects done by different contractors over 3 decades maybe
- This building is an eyesore & should be demolished to allow Cumbernauld Town Centre to be redeveloped. I believe this building prevents new business coming to the area & feel redevelopment is a must for the local economy.
- The building is a complete eyesore and not fit for purpose. I understand the motivation to list it as it was a new concept for the new town. But this town needs to grow and this centre prevents it from flourishing.
- It's a monstrous wart built on top of a hill. A disgrace not functional an embarrassment to the people of Cumbernauld. It should be demolished before some moronic idiot sticks another construction which would be better built with Lego bricks onto it. More leaks than a watering can. A maze of dark stairways and passageways that stink of urine. Only an idiot with no connection to our town would want this monstrous building listed. It should be listed for destruction.
- Bad architecture shouldn't be listed. Up until recently I lived in Cumbernauld and used the building a lot. It's a nightmare to navigate, easy to get lost, grotty and dingey, looks ugly from the inside and outside. Getting from one side to the other takes ages, I tried to avoid using entirely meaning a lot of shops are losing business from people like me. Please don't saddle the residents with this building in perpetuity
- It is an eyesore not architecture to be preserved.
- The place is an eye sore, freezing and stinks.
- Eyesore
- It's a maze and an eyesore not a great building to look at
- It is an absolute eyesore. A concrete blot on the landscape which makes it difficult for Cumbernauld to develop good space which will provide healthier living and social areas
- Should be seen as architectural style which never ever be repeated.
- As a resident of Cumbernauld this building is no longer fit for purpose and doesn't meet the town's needs. It was a nice idea in its day, but the reality of this space is that it is claustrophobic, dingy, a warren and oppressive. This is not a great and interesting work of brutalism that should be preserved but just a flawed experiment that didn't work out. The views of the people living here and needing facilities should matter most. We need to remove this building so that we can have access to better facilities that will work for us, be inviting and welcoming. If this building were to stay it would thoroughly impede



any plans to make Cumbernauld a better place for its residents. We desperately need a town centre that works for the people that live here.

- The entire building is an eyesore and does not function very well as a shopping centre
- There have been so many additions made to the centre over many years it is now a hodgepodge of different styles and eras all jumbled together.
- It is an eyesore
- It has been and always will be an eyesore. It is a blot on the landscape and the chance to eradicate it and replace it with a much-needed new town centre should not be blocked by people who neither live here nor use it.
- It was the first multi-leveled shopping centre in Europe and a unique experiment.
- "There is absolutely nothing about this building that is of architectural significance. Local people want buildings and amenities that are fit for purpose in 2022. Please allow us to remove this eyesore and allow us to have a modern campus and buildings which we can all benefit from."
- Whilst I appreciate the building is an interesting shape, it looks old, tired and unappealing to the eye.
- The building is not only an eyesore but also unfit for purpose. Many shops have left the building due to the lack of footfall compared to more recent developments such as the new retail park at Broadwood.
- The town centre is outdated and not fit for purpose. Time moves on and we cannot keep such a large building in the centre of our town just because it was innovative when it was built. It is I see no reason why it should be given listed building status.
- If anything it should be used to highlight the mistakes that can arise from out of the box thinking. May have been a great idea and vision at that time. But a lesson can be learned when trying to future proof developments. They don't and will never last for ever.
- "The town centre is a complete eye sore and in need of major repairs. Will be cheaper to demolish and rebuild. Who looks at that and thinks it should be saved, horrible building inside and out."
- It's an eyesore, it's dangerous when it rains as the roof leaks. Half of the units are lying empty. No big high street shops mostly pound shops. Nothing to attract the people of Cumbernauld or bring people from other areas to shop.
- The building is not fit for purpose and is degenerate to the Town
- It may have looked good 50 odd years ago, but it is an absolute eyesore now.
- "The building is awful. North Lanarkshire have given it love or attention. Sold it to 3 different owners who didn't show any respect or even attempt to work together to improve. They let it rot. It is now passed the stage of repair and needs to be knocked down and started again. Residents of Cumbernauld deserve better."
- This building is a failed experiment from a bygone era. It is a eye sore and falling into disrepair. The whole community would benefit from a significant redevelopment of the site. Everyone in the local area that has the displeasure of using the facilities there knows it is not fit for purpose.
- It's hideous and needs to be taken down!!
- It was an interesting concept derived from altruistic notions of pedestrian friendly neighbourhoods, but it's hasn't worked. It's not fit for purpose. It looks horrific. It's an embarrassment. Local people deserve much better - it's a depressing building both



inside and out. As a woman I don't feel safe inside it - too many dark gloomy corridors and passageways. It's not hugely accessible either - my husband is a wheelchair user and while he can get about the building it takes a fair bit of planning and the maintenance is often poor. It takes an extraordinary lot of effort to plan a trip for a wheelchair user - where to park and how to get from one part of the building to another can be an unnecessary stressful adventure. We need something bright, well lit, green space and the ability to attract a range of stores and leisure facilities. Something the current structure fails to supply.

- An eyesore
- It is literally the most vile example of horrible architecture ever and inflicts a feeling of depression on its surroundings
- It is an absolute eye sore, totally disgusting and horrible building. It's time to move on and develop something truly fit for the future.
- It's outdated, a visual eyesore and as far as I know is not currently being used for any significant purpose.
- The architecture is an abomination and horrifying to look at. As like most of Cumbernauld built in the 60's it was modern at the time but hasn't aged well at all.
- "The entire centre - including the newer Antonine Centre - are the worst things about the area by a long way.
The old centre, in particular, is not only terrible to look at, it is also a rabbit warren of aging, poorly designed corridors, leading to run-down irrelevant, and tired shops. Pretentious outsiders may claim to love the Brutalist architecture but they do not have to live on its doorstep or use it."
- It is a complete eyesore it doesn't match any other part and is not exactly in a great state or of much use to anyone
- The Cumbernauld town centre is probably the ugliest structure in Scotland. The layout is confusing and there are lots of inaccessibility issues.
- This building is a complete eye sore.
- I studied Architecture at the MacIntosh School of Art in the 1970's when the Megastructure was in its heyday. By heyday I am referring to footfall, not popularity. The building was visited, on rare occasions, by fellow architecture students interested in concrete-brutalism. The megastructure was at best, the realisation of a vision, a floating city, based on the outline of a US Aircraft carrier photographed from a North African sand dune. At worst the megastructure is an so-called carbuncle, unusable, depressing and composed of environmentally unfriendly materials that require constant adjustment to barely scrape beyond the reality of becoming a serious health hazard to the town's unfortunate population. I understand there will be a nostalgia backlash when sanity prevails and a new, more human oriented town centre emerges, but our children and grandchildren deserve far better than we received architecturally. The megastructure has no merit as a museum and valuable land is being wasted. The town's population avoid its damp, rank-smelling passageways to shop, dine and be entertained in modern facilities such as nearby Glasgow Fort. Cumbernauld needs a similar modern town centre.
- "The place is an absolute eyesore!
The people and town deserve far better."
- It is a clear example of an outdated, not fit for purpose building which has now become more of a hindrance. It has more than fulfilled its purpose as representing the



architecture of its time, its design and building process has been well documented and does not now have to physically exist in order to be preserved.

- If the building was of special architectural interest, then I think it would have been maintained and looked after properly and perhaps people may still have been living in the flats. The condition of the building is an eyesore and the people of Cumbernauld deserve a centre they can be proud of
- The Cumbernauld town centre is the only place I know that is an eyesore very badly. It has too many vacant places and lots, no attraction to go there and will frequently rather go elsewhere.
- "The building/space could be out to much better use.
It is falling apart at places (roof constantly leaking etc) and I don't believe it should be a listed building"
- Its outdated design is no longer fit for purpose. Fill with empty unit due to the challenges that retail face, this centre has little chance of ever thriving in its current form. As long as I can remember, the building had been decaying, with leaks that have taken years to repair, likely due to the lack of tenants contributing forward service charge costs, and owners reluctant to spend on an asset that that is majorly underperforming.
- I have always viewed it as a hideous structure.
- Absolute eye sore! Horrible building
- It's a relic which has no place in a modern society, it's neglected and no longer fit for purpose, in other older buildings it can often be seen to be beautiful despite being out of date, but it cannot be said about Cumbernauld...as Prince Charles stated it's a carbuncle on the nose of the town
- This is a complete eyesore. I've been a resident of Cumbernauld since 1988. When I moved here it was rumoured the shopping centre and adjacent buildings would be improved or demolished back then.
- It's visually unappealing and will not endure or improve with age
- The lace is an eyesore to look at and has that many holes in the roof it's a hazard during wet weather
- "This has been a carbuncle on the landscape since it was built.
The majority of the building is closed off to public and with so many leaks that the area's still open to the public are a joke.
I do not see why any public money should be used to retain this blot on the landscape."
- It is an eyesore now and gives our town a bad name
- It's a disgrace and should be demolished
- It's an eyesore
- Eyesore. Filthy, old building, holding the area back. It brings nothing but ridicule to the local area and I gave no idea why anyone would seek to preserve or protect it.
- It is an eyesore and become very dilapidated.
- I don't agree. It is dated. Uninviting and dirty. It's cold, full of concrete and not a place to be proud of. It does not look modern or appealing
- "The town and the town centre have been very very badly neglected over the years and no longer offers any meaningful benefits, shopping entertainment, no real reason to visit it. etc.



the town centre has had its heyday and will never get that back. Best to pull it down and move on.

To be fair it's the shopping areas that can be demolished the part that used to be flats could be kept tidied up and closed off and integrated into a whole new shopping or whatever experience they want in this area. But everything else must come down."

- It is an eyesore
- It is an ugly building that needs replaced
- Building is past its time. Really needs torn down and rebuilt fit for today's purposes. Yes, it may have had a significance back in the 70s, but the town really needs more now.
- The town centre seems to be a hodge podge of different buildings. They are not aesthetically pleasing and there is so much opportunity to do better for the residents of Cumbernauld to create a modern and functional town centre. I'm not sure I have ever seen an uglier centre (it doesn't even feel like a town centre)
- It's an eye sore and not fit for modern-day use.
- The building is an eyesore, outdated and is in disrepair. The ceiling has been leaking for well over a decade and if left as nothing will be left except charity shops. Time to look ahead and build a hub that will benefit the town and greater area
- The Town Centre, indeed, all of Cumbernauld including the road system seems to have been used as an architectural and planning experiment which on paper and on drawings looked marvellous but living in the area it is obvious you need a car to get around the area. The Town Centre is an eye sore and difficult to navigate.
- I understand it might be an example of brutalist architecture, but it is not so special that it brings anything to the town, e.g. tourism. It's unwelcoming as you approach the town centre and I know most people don't visit unless they have to.
- Having lived in the town for 41 years my personal opinion this area has never held any interest to myself or anyone else. If it was of special architectural interest, I would have expected this to have been put forward years ago. Also, those expressing this interest would not have allowed this area to fall into disrepair.
- It's an old town centre. This part hasn't been used in years.
- It's an eyesore and needs demolished
- Regardless of architectural heritage the building is an eyesore, badly designed and laid out, poorly presented regarding facilities and upkeep, and certainly not fit for purpose never mind protective listing.
- "I have lived in Cumbernauld 25 years. In that time, the majority has been blocked off. When it was open, it was not kept in the best condition. Now, even more so. Architecturally, it was voted one of the worse buildings. If it was a hub for communities, I would understand the reason to keep it. Unfortunately losing the building now is just blocking the community from thriving. There are no benefits to this building becoming listed."
- Photographically its original form had been recorded for prosperity. It was of its time, but that time is long past, and it is now neither attractive nor functional. Ultimately it was built to serve the community and in its current form it does not do this.
- I don't think the building is either architecturally significant or well designed for practicality. It is an eyesore.
- The town centre has had additions to it over the years phase 4 and Antonine but it is very disjointed.



- It's an absolute eyesore. I would be very surprised if anyone pushing for this to be listed actually lives in the town. We need/deserve a town centre to be proud of.
- The architecture doesn't improve or add any special features to the view. It looks old, unkempt, and ugly. Inside, there is so much wasted space. I feel unsafe at times walking up stairs and ramps to the library and shops. It's actually very easy to get lost. I don't feel it has been designed well at all.
- It's an architectural eye sore we are way past the 70's look and it makes a mockery of the town centre building a brand-new side to the centre with that old clapped out looking thing on stilts cowering over you.
- It does not hold any significant architectural interest. There is nothing of notable interest in the way the building was constructed. It may have been when first constructed but not with modern technology.
- I agree that the building is significant due to its Individuality and unique nature. Making it a scheduled building may, however, limit the possibilities for community access
- It's an eyesore, it does nothing for the people that have to visit it other than want to get away from it as soon as possible.
- Possibly in the past, when first conceived, this would have been considered of architecture significance but not now. A town the size of Cumbernauld needs a functional modern space, not an eyesore on 40 levels with unusable spaces
- "It shows how NOT to provide a decent resource for the people of Cumbernauld and surrounding villages.
It is an eyesore"
- This is an eyesore. It's an example of what not to do with a town centre.
- It is the ugliest, useless, rabbit warren eyesore in Scotland. It should have been knocked down long ago and a new, inviting, practical space built
- It might have been once, as you say yourself it has been extensively altered. Probably to make it fit for a purpose. It isn't fit for any purpose now, you just need to go inside to appreciate that.
- "It's a dump. Pull it down and start again
Worse new town for facility's in Scotland it has nothing . No cinema.no decent shops"
- It is an eyesore and should be replaced with a building where you feel safe.
- The place is an eyesore and offers nothing to the residents in the area. We deserve better
- It is just ugly.
- The Cumbernauld town centre is nothing but an eyesore, rewards for been awful have even been given it's an embarrassment to the town
- Eyesore. Get it demolished and rebuild differently.
- The building is and always has been an eyesore, it's a source of ridicule for the town and should be bulldozed.
- It is a horrid example of architecture. It's has been proven to be a failure of purpose and usage. It therefore has not got architectural significance.
- I don't think the design is externally flattering or as well facilitated as it was in the past.
- Unfortunately, the building is not fit for purpose anymore. The areas on level 3 are very intimidating to use, treacherous when raining due to the leaks and not a very nice area to pass through to get to the library.



- It's not practical with access to library, museum, kindergarten and other floors limited by a dark and unsafe passage and stairwell and old-fashioned lifts that people don't want to use. It has no community feel about it and externally can appear like a motorway services with a connector bridge. It's very breeze block concrete and the parking areas are unfinished after all these years. Inside I feel there are 'streets' that are no longer used and many empty units due to low footfall in these areas of the centre
- The structure is an eyesore and an embarrassment, we deserve a decent Town Centre, one like the Fort for example open.
- I am a CAD tech so work on civils projects and also a fan of brutalist marketecture in general. For me personally the place holds a lot of memories as my dad worked on the building, I worked inside the place too. But the building I knew then and remember is not what is there now. I get why some say it should stay as memories are strong the reality is most of the good parts I remember are gone now. The new shopping mall replaced much of what was unique. The part still standing was designed with an open roof and much of it is covered over. The brutalist style is now near impossible to see on the areas left.
- It's not a good example of architecture. There are better examples of the style elsewhere in Cumbernauld
- I have lived in Cumbernauld all of my life and although I can appreciate the architecture, I have always been in agreement that the town centre is an eyesore. I therefore think that the town centre should be knocked down and the area redesigned.
- It no longer represents the original multipurpose function. It is an unsocial space with walkways that do not feel safe even during daytime. It is ugly and worn and has not been maintained. The shopping area is barely inhabited by Main Street shops and no longer attracts footfall. If this were to be designated a listed building, then we would be stuck with an impractical and dysfunctional building which no one could afford to improve.
- It is an eyesore, time to move on
- Although at the time of construction this building was unique with regards to its architectural significance, time has moved on significantly, and it has become outdated. I use the centre several times a month, and genuinely cannot believe that it is even being considered to become a listed building. It's current aesthetic condition both inside and out is very poor and is not in any way attractive. Although I respect that a few people may see it's destruction as a loss to the architectural movement of its time, the town badly needs regeneration and keeping this structure will severely limit the future success of the town. Currently residents need to travel to nearby out of town developments to shop or attend leisure and entertainment facilities. With the town expanding at the current rate, the residents of Cumbernauld deserve a lot better than the current selection of buildings can offer, and no amount renovation or restoration will paper over the cracks. It has to be replaced.
- This monstrosity has outlived its time and should be pulled down
- The town centre is a now obsolete building which is slowly being left to deteriorate while the current owners make whatever money they can from it. It is an eyesore that actually damages people's view of the town and as someone who lives right beside it I feel it needs to go



- There is nothing special in the architect it is a complete eye sore. There are far nicer buildings and ones of purpose this has not been used to its capacity in many many years if it was I could understand it being listed but it is a building lying redundant
- It's an eyesore
- It's an eyesore serving no purpose
- It is an eyesore, totally impractical in terms of use and would be best demolished and started again.
- It's outdated and basically a Lego building a child could design
- The town centre has been an eyesore and a laughing matter for so many years. Not many people visit it, and it needs to be flattened and rebuild. It may have been innovative when it was first built but now need to be moved into the future and be fit for purpose
- Cumbernauld town centre is a poorly conceived building which has never been a pleasant or appealing place for the residents of Cumbernauld. I have both worked in and more recently since relocating to Cumbernauld visited the centre. I find it a frightening warren of corridors and empty dead spaces, a place where I would not want to be alone. A town centre should have the opportunity to be the bustling heart of a place and with the current arrangement, this can never be the case.
- The building is no longer fit for purpose
- It's an eye sore and needs pulled down
- Only to be used as an example of how not to build a town centre
- It has been an eyesore for years. Among my friends, the idea, of it being of any value, is laughable. It is a daily reminder of the worst excesses of 1960s architecture
- The centre is falling into disrepair. It's cold wet inside smelly needs to be replaced
- I know nothing about architecture but it's an eyesore.
- The town centre is not very nice to look at but inside is nice and we'll looked after
- I don't share the existing attitudes that the centre is in any way of special architectural interest. Over the 40+ years I have lived in Cumbernauld I feel the building is tolerated rather than being vaunted as anything special. I feel strongly that the existence of the building and the sympathy which some display towards its continuing existence over the years has held back Cumberland significantly. Shopping facilities in the centre and amenities are dominated by the edifice and where other towns are developing away from malls or at least are renewing theirs Cumbernauld suffers from a 60's style tunnel overlooked by a structure which plays no longer any part in the regeneration of Cumbernauld. If anything, it contributes to a time warp status quo and presides over a race to mediocrity in town centre design.
- it's a complete eyesore and not modern for 2022 and beyond, it may have been in the 70s but has been left there and is outdated
- Because it's the ugliest piece of architecture I've ever seen. Everyone I talk to says it's ugly. We would be a laughingstock to make this "listed" compared to some of the most beautiful buildings which are listed and which everyone is happy and proud to look at i.e. Cumbernauld Kirk & Dullatur Village.
- It might be of special interest as a guide of what not to do. For residents, it's more than an eyesore, it's full of unsafe spaces and I don't think it has any architectural features worth preserving more than community safety.



- There are numerous examples of brutalist architecture to be found throughout the country.
- It is ugly and impractical, and needs torn down, not saved!!
- The only significance is that it shows what NOT to do. This can be amply verified by the number of awards it has won for worst building. It has no cultural significance and should be used in books as a lesson on terrible architecture with no thought for future use.
- "It's an ugly monstrosity and not fit for purpose. There's lots of wasted space. It's difficult and time consuming to navigate. There are leaks in the roof. It looks ridiculous and makes the town a laughingstock. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better. The bus stances are cold, dark and windy and not very practical."
- It is downright ugly, and the building has been allowed to get into a state of disrepair over the years. The roof leaks in heavy rain and there are buckets to catch drips coming through the roof. People who use the centre have learned over the years to avoid these bits of the centre in winter if they can. The centre is NOT accessible for people with mobility issues. Lifts don't work, despite them being replaced, ramps are often steep and long. You can raise these issues with the town centre management, and they will apologise but no action is taken. It has outlived its usefulness and should be removed to make way for something better.
- "This 'Carbuncle' should NEVER have got beyond the Planning Stage, how it was given permission to have been built is the biggest mystery of the 20th Century! It has blighted the lives of generations of people living in Cumbernauld who deserved so much better from Planners and now H.E.S is attempting to condemn further generation to live with this monstrosity!
We need a Town Centre we can be proud of, one fit for the future. Blow this thing up asap."
- It's a horrible place to look at, to work in, to shop in and to visit.
- Eyesore of a building.
- Think it is an example of bad architecture. A concrete jungle which has no attractive features.
- The mega structure was one of many architectural experiments of its time, it hasn't been repeated so must be seen as a failure.
- The building is an absolute eyesore.
- Compared to other town which have shopping centre this Cumbernauld town centre is eye sore.
- The building is dirty and in a poor state of repair. It is constantly leaking with buckets Place all around, especially the older part. No retailer with any sense would associate themselves with this building.
- I believe the building was iconic at the time but has now become outdated and an eyesore.
- A relative once visited and he thought it was a factory and could not believe it was our town centre.
- I believe Cumbernauld Town Centre is a prime example of how some architecture can actually have a negative impact on both the community of Cumbernauld and how others view Cumbernauld. It has won the Carbuncle of the Year awards twice and has also been the most nominated town, demonstrating from an architectural viewpoint, that



others out with the community do not view the structure as having any architectural significance.

- The building is badly built with leaking roofs / windows. Areas do not feel safe as walking up to the library for example means walking up ramps with no way to see what's round the corner. It is also an eyesore which has brought nothing but negative comments about Cumbernauld and has made the town a laughingstock across the whole country
- the building is an eyesore now and needs flattened and a new purpose-built facility to bring Cumbernauld into this century. This I'm sure would benefit the area as a whole.
- The 'town centre' is unfortunately offensive to the eye. I do not believe that any part of it should remain. Any opportunity for it to all be demolished and start again should be eagerly accepted.
- Originally from Banknock, I have shopped in (or been taken to) Cumbernauld over the last three decades. For the past twenty years, this building and the shopping centre have given a perception of Cumbernauld to people across the country of a deprived and unattractive town. It's totally undesirable and an example of awful Town Planning. This building should be demolished, and a new, green / innovative building should be provided. Alternatively, it should be demolished and simply nothing else provided in its place.
- It does not serve its purpose, is dilapidated, not at all nice to be in and quite scary and dark if you are alone. From the outside it is an eyesore and doesn't look like a place to want to spend time in.
- It's awful
- The structure has already had substantial areas demolished and added and bears little resemblance to the building I remember from the 1980s. The remaining structure cannot be classified as historically important when large parts of the original structure no longer exist.
- It is an eye sore, not fit for purpose and needs replaced with something the people of Cumbernauld can be proud of. Why should we be saddled with a failed 70's experiment for ever. It needs to go.
- It's an eyesore full of pound shops and opticians
- Out of date, rundown eyesore. Listing is not going to attract new business to Cumbernauld which is needed given the increased number of surrounding houses.
- "It's falling apart, and it leaks inside.
From outside it looks depressing and a bit of 'an eye sore'
It is not a very accessible building and it looks extremely ugly"
- It may have been a megastructure during the 60's, however, it is extremely outdated and Cumbernauld struggles to get many large retailers to come here. Perhaps of this is demolished and re-built, more reputable companies may wish to invest in our town. I have grown up in Cumbernauld and I would be very glad to see it go.
- This building has become an embarrassing eyesore, any attempts made to improve it are fruitless. The residents of Cumbernauld deserve purposeful, safe, inviting, and attractive facilities fit for now and the future not moth-balled, derelict carbuncle
- This building is an eyesore and creates a depressing environment to shop in. It has not aged well and is the reason Cumbernauld has been described in a negative way in the media and in votes about worst place to live in UK



- I live in Cumbernauld and find it to be a complete eye sore! We are the biggest town in NLC and yet to have any appropriate leisure facilities. People who are trying to get the town centre as a listed building are crazy. We want a new and improved town centre where we can enjoy it!
- It may have served a purpose, but that time has long gone. It's an eyesore and needs to be removed and replaced with a more open accessible and modern town centre for people all ages. Some concrete structures are visually important this is not one of them. Stand on a winter's night waiting for a bus and all becomes clear.
- The place is an eyesore. There has been little to no care for the building and anything that has been done is purely superficial i.e.. Painting. It needs knocked down. In this day and age in Cumbernauld people just want good reliable facilities not a trumpy looking building that's 60+ years old.
- "Whilst the main building has some architectural merit, given its brutalist style, the significant alterations and amendments over the years, together with the fact that none of the original use, such as apartments were ever fully realised, does not, in my opinion grant it any special architectural interest.
In order to regain the architectural vision for the building, extensive demolition of the adjoining structures and reinstatement would be required. This is not a good use of taxpayers money."
- May we'll have been iconic in its heyday but it's outdated and has not been cared for. More mop buckets catching drips than anything else
- As the town centre it is visually an eye sore. It gives the impression that the area is run down and to be honest if I hadn't have worked in Cumbernauld, I would never have shopped there as it looked dingy. As a building user there seems to be no logic to it similar to a warren with corridors leading to more corridors and dark spaces and so not designed with a customer focus. Very user unfriendly.
- It is clearly of special architectural interest. I arranged a trip for a train load of university students from Edinburgh in 2011. We were able to access areas off limits to the public and take some great artsy photos of the former flats and other areas. We learned all about the lofty aims of the town centre and the wider New Town.
- "The original concept has been trashed.
Very poor construction, and over development without due design and planning care has left an incoherent junk pile of mismatched ""styles"" that benefit no one and provide no architectural legacy worth celebrating."
- It is 2021 and the New Town as it was designed to be needs an uplift to a more modern way of living. It is an eyesore on the landscape, painting it blue did nothing for it.
- It's structural of little significance to anyone in the town it is structurally and aesthetically monumentally unattractive and is not fit for purpose
- "Even though I agree that the building itself and the initial idea have significant architectural and historical features the majority of the structure has already been demolished (south elevation of town centre) or been allowed to fall into serious disrepair.
Possibly some aspects such as the penthouses can be kept and favourably integrated into future builds on the site."
- Absolute eyesore. I rarely go to this section of the town centre. It's a mess.



- The building is an eyesore. Layout is totally impractical if you want to head to shops at either end of the centre. Whole building and decor look tired. The building and amenities are unlikely to pull in trade from other areas.
- It should have been turned to rubble 30 years ago.
- The building is in a poor condition. Physically it is unattractive and it is taking up the space of what could be used for a really good town centre or other facilities. Most people I know travel outside Cumbernauld for decent shopping, therefore this would prevent this and improve the financial income for the area.
- It needs demolished and brought up to date for the ever extending residents of Cumbernauld
- I can't see how any part of this building speaks to the culture of Scotland, intact I think it is an absolute eyesore.
- It's nothing but an eyesore. Badly maintained and badly managed. I don't see what historical reference it has. Knock it down and give the people of Cumbernauld something that can be used and is practical.
- "I think it quite an ugly building and it's a structure is one which has been added to multiple times, all in different time periods and with apparent disregard for the aesthetic of the building and the area.

While I appreciate areas of it are reflective of 1960s architecture representing a particular movement in housing and community, I don't feel it needs to be preserved and not in its current state."

- It's an absolute depressing eyesore. Time for change.
- Any semblance of the original masterplan has long since been lost by botched refurbishments and the abandonment of the plug-in extension policy, so retention on grounds of preservation would be risible. The site is loathed by local residents, presents a dank and depressing face to the world, and is perhaps the worst example of Brutalist architecture since the Hutchie Dampies were pulled down. Cumbernauld can only gain from its eradication.
- Appreciate the historical value and architecture elements but the full space needs revamped and redesigned for multipurpose use for the people of the town.
- I agree it has significance but I also think this needs balanced against the people of Cumbernauld needing a functional space. I grew up in Cumbernauld and spent 30 years there. The lack of a functioning town centre was a major reason for leaving Cumbernauld.
- The facility is in a very poor state and is beyond all hope of remediation. Cumbernauld needs refreshed and this brutalist concrete relic is the 1st thing that needs removed. A decision to list this building is completely at odds with the people that live in the area and have the misfortune to need to use it regularly.
- It's a failed project and current residents shouldn't have to put up with this any longer.
- The architecture is very depressing.
- So much has been added, removed, and altered it's no longer the original design. Even as a child in the 70s I never saw it as a good building
- This building has been altered and added to so often it does not reflect either the original design or anything of local cultural or architectural interest. This application is nothing short of mischief to prevent the development of the site to provide a new school and leisure and commercial facilities which are more needed than a crumbling



building way past its useful life. HES should be ashamed to be used in such a fashion and to undertake such a consultation is wasteful and reflects badly on the organisation.

There is an opportunity to provide something the community needs and has desired for decades and for a small number of non-involved individuals to be given authority to decide is non democratic. Does nobody question why this has only occurred when the council buys it to redevelop, and not while in private ownership.

- I've lived in Cumbernauld since 1973. The town centre is embarrassing, it's time for it to be taken down.
- It is an ineffective and half-hearted attempt at brutalist architecture produced at the end of the period by copying features of existing buildings. Its limited significance has then been reduced further by desperate attempts in recent years to make it fit for the community it was design to serve.
- I disagree that it is of special architectural interest. More like an architectural monstrosity.
- I know it is deemed significant in the history of architecture by watching documentaries, but I feel the structure is compromised already by additions so not necessarily worth preserving
- "Nothing special to see here, absolute eyesore inside and out. Cold, damp and dreary all year round."
- I'm sure it's of interest to some but not enough to keep it around
- Absolute eyesore holding the town back
- The building is ugly, is largely uninhabitable, and is hard to maintain to a high standard. The various 'tunnels' make it dangerous for females to walk. The building roof constantly leaks from several different areas. It's hard to move around as well and people new to the building are easily lost
- There is nothing special about the building. It just a concrete structure that has been messed about buy parts being removed and internal changes that mean that it does not retain any of the original design ideals
- It is an eyesore and not fit for purpose. The layout is confusing and dated. It's a completely depressing building and an embarrassment to Cumbernauld. Tear it down and start again.
- "Most is a badly constructed concrete monstrosity like a prison (other than the two shopping precincts and the unique high-level flats) the shops are linked by a labyrinth of confusing to allow people spaces for people to move around in. I still get lost sometimes. Maintenance was scarcely thought about in the design with undesirable pockets everywhere inside and out for assembly of rubbish (including human). It also has an unnecessary dual carriageway passing through polluting the whole area."
- The building is absolutely ugly and embarrassing to our area, residents are always reminded of this by anyone who passes through
- I think it's an eyesore. However, I do feel many of the ideas of post war living are embodied in the building. There were some internal fixtures that were interesting such as the lighting fixture situated near where McKays was situated.
- In its original build the town centre was an architectural example of brutalised design. However, it has now been added to & redesigned so many times that the features that made it worth saving have now been destroyed. Time for it to go.



- The Town centre is actually split in two by a dual carriageway and offers no real integrated "Place" for the surrounding area. The needs of the surrounding population are not being met and the form and structure of the main town centre have become obsolete, and it no longer serves the original purpose for which it was created.
- The building is in such disrepair and the upper levels are not used. The apartments at the top that made it so innovative were never used and currently sit empty. The Cumbernauld District social club closed in the 90's and now lies empty. These features made it innovative rather than the outside structure. It does not add value to the town in its current use of an excess amount of pound and charity shops. And in my opinion, the building as a whole puts off prospective companies in coming to Cumbernauld. Developing the site would be better for the town as a whole rather than saving a building for being innovative in the 60's. The building does not generate tourism due to its architecture, keeping it continues to degrade the town.
- It is neglected and ugly. We need a bright modern town centre in order to encourage public to visit.
- "This building to be considered as listed, in my opinion is a joke. The building is not fit for purpose in 2022.
Disability facility are shocking people have to travel far further than able bodied.
Entry via underground dark car park awful place one small lift or a huge ramp.
It has been reported numerous times as the worst shopping centre.
Shops will not come due to the Condition and dividend malls"
- Winning awards for how bad the architecture is shouldn't be a reason to keep it around.
- It's an eyesore. Totally useless inside, cold in winter and summer. It holds no appeal to encourage shoppers or community feeling.
- The town centre building is not fit for purpose. It needs to be replaced with something more up to date, where there is heat and no leaks. The roads around to get into the parking areas are horrendous.
- The building is an eyesore and is not fit for any purpose, it's time it was demolished
- Whilst the original idea and structure were once ground breaking the reality is that it's no longer fit for purpose. It's doesn't support the needs to the community of Cumbernauld. It's also badly maintained, full of leaks and internal/external damage.
- It's an eyesore Cumbernauld deserves a modern up to date shopping and community centre
- The town centre is a shambles. There are hardly any shops due to the rent which is astronomical for what you get. The roof has never been safe/good. When it rains there are so many buckets to collect the water that it's like a slalom course and dangerous when overflowing. It has now become an eyesore and the people that own it don't care about keeping it up to date. Many times, the escalator's and the elevators don't work making it impossible for people in wheelchairs to get around. Getting from one bus stance to another is now worse as the walkway between both stances has been shut now for years so you have to practically run from one end to the other to catch the bus and with the elevators down and escalators not working you are running upstairs. Parking is also a big problem and not the lack of spaces but time you have to park and also the road itself as its full of massive potholes that cause flat tyres and wrecked suspension in your car. When i worked at the town centre I was told I had the three-hour time frame and couldn't come back and park even though my work day was from 9-6 and on Thursdays it was sometimes 10:30 to 8:30 and had to go to my parked car in



the pitch black as the lights never worked either and this was 15 years ago and nothing has got better. I think as Cumbernauld has grown the town centre has not and needs to be demolished and a new plan made for the regeneration of Cumbernauld as it is bigger than it once was and now the biggest and most populated of north Lanarkshire but has the worst facilities of all

- It's absolutely ugly.
- The place is an eyesore and has no architectural value
- It is a horrible eye sore. You will seriously hinder the improvements needed in Cumbernauld if you give this building special status. The town centre in Cumbernauld has been struggling for years and this will kill off any hopes of rejuvenating the area.
- The building and shopping centre is not fit for use and not user friendly
- Even considering its brutalist features I believe it's of no special interest
- "It is hideous and not fit for purpose of 21st century living!
Library completely ludicrously located and inaccessible don't feel safe going on the route to it and very quite unsafe (personal safety wise) corners/weird ramps.
Management are total cowboys take advantage of shop rentals.
We deserve better."
- "It may be a thing that lovers of brutalist architecture want to keep the building, but a nice museum somewhere should do the trick. The building impacts people's lives negatively and as someone who used to live there and has worked in the old side, the population of Cumbernauld deserve a town centre, not a museum that provides substandard retail space and a visual eyesore that makes the full town misunderstood by all and sundry. It deserves a town centre that you don't have to learn how to navigate it because it's confusing until you learn.
Cumbernauld has an amazing community spirit and is one of the best places to live (I only moved away due to looking for a one-bedroom house). It deserves a town centre that reflects who it is now and serves who it is now as well as who it will become in the future.
I love the history of Cumbernauld, but it shouldn't negatively impact its future. How many people in this world would choose that bus station to stand at? Only those who have no other choice is who.
Cumbernauld does not benefit from having a brutalist building at its centre. Let's make people's lives better, not make decisions that impede lives. Cumbernauld is the fifth largest town in Scotland- Is history more important than people's lives now and in the future? I love historic buildings, but don't think a town should be held back by one.
The town centre building makes Cumbernauld's bad reputation, and it shouldn't have a bad reputation - it's a wonderful place to live. I always called it residential Centre Parcs. Let's enable that to become its reputation rather than have a town centre that is so dreary it is awarded the Carbuncle Award.
I understand that Brutalism is important architecturally, but the centre has a brutally negative impact on Cumbernauld citizens. Please don't award it as a place of architectural interest - it will negatively impact people's lives."
- Search Cumbernauld online and you will find pages and pages of people mocking the town centre and how much of an eyesore it is. It needs redevelopment
- The place is an eyesore and not fit for purpose complete waste of space, should be demolished.



- In my opinion the building does not feature unique features that cannot be observed elsewhere.
- It's an eye sore and needs knocked down and started again
- Absolutely not. It is a horrendous looking building, and it needs knocked down to make Cumbernauld a better place. Even with nothing there it is better than having this building.
- The town centre is an eye sore and many people of Cumbernauld travel elsewhere to spend money. Myself included. I try to spend local as much as possible. I have a young family and I'd like to see positive changes for future generations.
- It's a horrific building that's not fit for purpose. It's not been fit for purpose for about 2 decades. It needs pulled down and a complete redesign needed in order to provide any functionality for the next 20 years.
- This building is an eyesore. It is no longer fit for purpose and is increasingly more difficult and expensive to maintain. Already, the current owners have tried to make it look better by painting it a horrendous blue colour. Half of the building lies unused, I understand, as a result of health and safety issues. The layout is completely impractical, which has also contributed parts of the building remaining unused. Building work, that was supposed to deliver a cinema in the building, changed in scope after a structural issue was discovered. The people of Cumbernauld have suffered through decades of having this carbuncle as their town centre, it is time for it to be replaced.
- I do have an interest in Architecture and will always look for the positive, however in this example I can find nothing that is positive other than perhaps as a warning and an example that short-term, short-sighted vanity projects are to be avoided.
- It is an eyesore! The whole thing is in need of modernisation! Maybe it would bring people into the Town if we had a decent shopping centre and shops!
- "The building is an eyesore and offers no value to Cumbernauld. The local community are desperate for a functional shopping centre that they want to visit, rather than avoid."
- I think it would've been of architectural interest but so many parts have been neglected, demolished or their use changed. The concept of housing and facilities in the shared space would still be relevant today but it can only be of interest if the original use was put back and investment made in it. It would've been significant but no longer
- The building has no character and is very gloomy and depressing.
- The building is an eyesore. It's in a poor state of repair and many parts are unused and, I suspect, unattractive for occupation due to location/condition
- The megastructure idea may have been radical in its conception however in practice it is dank, unwelcoming and not fit for purpose. It should be memorialised at best but any talk of retaining this building is absurd.
- "Cumbernauld town centre is falling apart - it's cold, damp, dirty and an eyesore. Where it may once have been an architectural example of the brutalist design it is now an embarrassment. It is not fit for purpose and the people of Cumbernauld and the surrounding areas deserve better."
- It is an ugly mismatched collection of bad design and function.
- If you need to live near it or use it, you would welcome the day it is bulldozed. It's not fit for purpose and nothing about it is inviting



- It's a disgrace
- "It's a dreadful building that no longer fits the purpose it was 'designed for' and is an example of how not to design a shopping centre.
Just because it's been called an example brutalist architecture by a historian or architect shouldn't be used as a reason to designate it as a listed building.
It doesn't serve its purpose anymore. The majority have agreed it should be torn down and make way for a centre the townsfolk will use and be proud off... this monstrosity is not something we are proud off... the winner of the carbundle of the year prize(twice)"
- It is any eyesore, run down, in need of repair, not fit for purpose
- It was one day but we have archive footage for those interested - the facts are it's not useful anymore and is a waste of space
- It is an absolute mess. The worst of the worst. Not at all pleasing to look at either inside or outside. Not at all easy to negotiate or access and not a pleasant experience. It is a dystopian nightmare. Cumbernauld has so much to offer but instead it is an absolute laughingstock from everywhere in the country and beyond. Why anyone would want to preserve something so depressingly awful and unfit for purpose is beyond me. Get the wrecking ball.
- "Terrible place
Always leaking when it rains"
- It was an eyesore when it was built and certainly hasn't aged well.
- The original plan was never completed and what was finished has deteriorated so badly that it is of little architectural interest
- It's not an attractive building to look at I think it's an eyesore worked in centre over 40 years ago was then still us out with the old in with new
- It is definitely a building that is a topic of conversation but all for negative reasons. Growing up in North Lanarkshire it was always a building that was mocked for how unattractive and embarrassing the building looked.
- However, Cumbernauld needs a Town Centre that is fit for purpose, if this can be incorporated into the vision for the TC then keep it. If not then it's time to go Cumbernauld deserves better
- It's an eye sore
- I was born in Cumbernauld and spent 34 years living there. The buildings played a significant part of my childhood and later life, and I obviously have good memories of those times. They are, however, horrific and the town deserves far better.
- Whilst Cumbernauld town centre is certainly unique in its design and style that does not mean it merits special architectural interest, if anything it emphasis the fact that the brutalist architecture is not desirable amongst the general population, hence the reason it has not been replicated. The building also lacks any real craftsmanship, the point could be made that new building techniques were used in its construction; however this was purely to save time and money in the construction process and not to add the aesthetics of the building, it doesn't take an artisan to pour concrete.
- It is an eyesore. Not properly thought-out unused areas that cannot be accessed and half empty space. It needs to be torn down and built to current and future needs. If left it will become an unused hell hole
- It is an eyesore and has won the carbundle award several times. It is outdated and dirty
- It's an eyesore. We need modernisation and make it somewhere to be proud of.



- It's a hideous patchwork of buildings. Dilapidated in some areas and beyond repairable. People get lost in the labyrinth of passageways, and ramps. The building doesn't make sense anymore. Top floor where library AND nursery is situated is beyond repair, glass roof constantly leaking. Pigeons getting in and flying around distressed. Building is hideous.
- It should be regarded as a dreadful error, a folly. I lived in Cumbernauld for 22 years and it was universally disliked.
- Not only is it an eyesore, it is not fit for the purpose it was intended. It does not meet the needs of the present or future population of Cumbernauld. The only architectural interest there would be in the structure would be for people to learn what not to build.
- It's hideous to look at.
- It's a monolithic Soviet style abhorrent eyesore
- It might be the first centre of its type, but it also has little in it that you would want to keep or display to future generations
- Although it is an example of brutalist architecture, I don't think that necessarily merits retaining it - there are plenty of photographs and film footage of the place. A lot has been changed about it, with various new bits bolted on so it's no longer representative of the original structure and setting.
- It is a unique structure which saw a future that has not come to be
- I find it hard to believe that anyone who lives in Cumbernauld, could actually think there is anything of special architectural interest about the Centre. It's an absolute eyesore, and the quicker it's brought to the ground the better. Cumbernauld deserves to have a decent centre, not something that belongs as rubble.
- The building certainly has some interesting architectural features which should be preserved in historical record but not as a living building as the architecture is not fit for purpose as a modern building.
- The concept of a utopian all in one mega building was forward thinking at the time of construction and elements of the building would be hard to find elsewhere making it unique. However, I would not Consider all of the building to be worth saving. The most prominent feature is the floating offices/old apartments and could only have ever been better when there were gardens in top, but I have never seen this section open in my lifetime. If there was a way to reuse and utilise this section, it could be worth saving.
- "If you ever stand under this building for a bus and look up to see the bird mess that's one reason then look about the outside paint touch ups empty shops no heart or soul in this building so sad as this could be such a fantastic shopping centre as it is in the middle reach for so many community's it is our main shopping area .
If you go into Glasgow or other areas is there old shops still standing or are they moving with the times and needs of their community yes, I cannot see the beauty in this building and never have, it to me looks like ship containers stacked up at different angles not a beautiful construction of beauty that I would want stop and sit outside after my shopping visit so many of our younger people are leaving Cumbernauld and this is a big reason there are eleven charity shops not what young people are looking for sadly. I would also love to know where the people live who think this building is so beautiful as it has won a few not wanted titles and what their reason is to try and get listed a very big mistake"
- It's an eyesore to the town. Everyone wants it demolished.
- The only example it would serve is to show what NOT to do.



- The building represents an architectural view that has not delivered what was intended. It represents outdated social engineering that has created a dismal and unpleasant urban environment.
- Absolutely no interest to anyone I know
- It's an eyesore and so outdated
- I believe there is interest in the original area of the town centre from an architectural point of view. However, this structure has blighted the town for generations when regeneration of the centre has been attempted in the past it has always held the town back. Whilst I accept that some may find it of architectural importance, I think most Cumbernauld people do not hold it in any high regards. It's an eyesore.
- It is a monstrosity which no one likes apart from people who don't live here or have to use it. No one likes shopping there so quiet for shoppers which means no high street retailers are attracted to come we are left with cheap rubbish shops
- I have known and used this building since it was first built. I am a fan of modernist architecture but this experimental building began to fail quite quickly into its life; it is a kind of architecture that demands people adapt to it rather than an architecture that serves; for a variety of reasons technical and political (privatisation) it is very far from being the building it once was in layout, shop fronts, attempt at a civic space, materials, & functionality. In terms of failure, it was always relatively inaccessible to prams and mobility aids, the layout was confusing and the civic space at the top was accessible by lonely concrete ramps, locked at times, and technical problems with the glass roof led to deterioration, empty and derelict space. Cumbernauld has never had a recognisable civic space of any kind never mind an accessible or a pleasing one. I just cannot face using the library with my grandson. The car parks underneath always had a dark, bombed out aesthetic and the near vertical escalators and scarily unreliable lifts were legendary. The town centre has never been a place that promotes wellbeing and indeed the vilification of Cumbernauld on the back of the town centre's failure via the many carbuncle awards has been a source of civic shame and stigma. This is incredibly sad in a town that is full of interesting domestic architecture and has beautiful green spaces. There were exciting aesthetics in the first decade of the building such as the Scandi shop fronts in wood, the use of colour in murals by the Bauhaus influenced Brian Miller, concrete reliefs, mosaics, and the brightly coloured use of rubber on floors and walls. I remember fondly the Bauhaus style furnishings in the library and some of the leisure facilities such as the glass covered bowling alley and others. However, almost none of that now exists. The changes made have been banal, ugly, cheaply done and destroyed those aspects of the town centre that interested and even delighted in the early years. It is now a dysfunctional shell of a building. It by no means reflects the original experimental design which in itself was very flawed. The cost of turning this building into a useful facility would be astronomically high and a very questionable use of any public monies used. In addition, changes in retail and expectations of cultural and civic facilities have changed so much that traditional shopping malls would seem to have had their day as useful buildings. The case for careful documentation of the building followed by demolition is unanswerable.
- It's the modern equivalent of the tenement slums. Everything needs modernised after a while.
- If the building had been looked after properly over the years and alterations had been made thoughtfully, or not at all, then I feel the building would have been more



important. As it is now the building is a jumbled mess that is falling apart and not useful in this modern era.

- It is of no special architectural interest it's an eyesore. It was creative when 1st built. It does not let the needs of the local community in 2022.
- It may have been great at the time concrete is fine who's vision was it
- Do not ruin the future of a quality centre by incorporating an out-of-date dilapidated building where the concrete can be deemed to be past its sell but in months' time
- Something shouldn't be preserved as it's famous for how horrifically ugly it is. We need buildings that we can be proud of. Buildings that we want to work in and spend time in. Buildings that inspire us and future generations. We don't need the first thing folk think of when they think of Cumbernauld to be the 'plonk on the plinth'. We need an aspirational building to help regenerate the town.
- Example of a failed project wrongly lauded at the time. Interior is cold, unsightly & unwelcoming
- It's hideous
- The current town centre is badly designed, due to its age, difficult to maintain (e.g. leaking roofs) and not suitable for today's retail needs.
- The ugly monstrosity outweighs any architectural value.
- I recognise it was special when built but fail to see how it could fit into a new regenerated town centre. Sometimes, money and time for upkeep is not invested in these kind of buildings. Take Cumbernauld Primary, private investment is going to tear it down and it has Historic interest.
- The building is an eyesore, winner of the carbuncle award! There are beautiful buildings of historical interest that have been demolished. This monstrosity is supposed to be the heart of our community.
- It has been voted the carbuncle of the year many times why would we want to list this. We can preserve the image of the building for future generations and learn why we got it wrong.
- Only slightly agree (not offered). I understand your is an example of a particular type of architecture but thus well documented so doesn't need to be physically kept.
- It is of interest but should not have protective status
- Hideous
- There is no special architectural interest. The building is completely run down and now vandalised.
- It is an aesthetic mess which was originally lauded because "modern" was trendy at the time.
- I remember the centre being built and grew with it, enjoying what it offered as a modern facility for a new town. Over the years it has been enclosed, altered, had parts removed and no longer meets the needs of a much larger town. It serves only as a link between two shopping malls and has too many long lonely ramps, staircases and closed off areas. It is not an attractive or welcoming structure today.
- From an environmental point of I think demolition would be wasteful. However, it is a hideous structure that is like a maze inside.
- "The place is an eyesore, buckets everywhere to catch rain fall, freezing in the old side. It may have been interesting in its day, but times move on, and it's not fit for purpose.



I can't see anything about this blight on Cumbernauld worthy of saving, there will always be plans and archives, look back on those.

We deserve as the biggest town in North Lanarkshire to have a modern, welcoming space to carry out our everyday lives"

- This is an eyesore. It does not contribute in a positive way to Cumbernauld community. Take a walk through the building on a wet day - buckets and wet patches everywhere. It is only of architectural value of it has fulfilled its original purpose - which it has not.
- It's not fit for purpose.....been an eyesore for years. When it's raining buckets all over the place some shops have had to close because of flooding. We need something in line with other shopping areas
- It is no longer fit for purpose and is offensive to look at. It does nothing for positive mental health and wellbeing.
- It is inaccessible by foot, and a complete eyesore.
- Having been a Cumbernauld resident for 48 years and having always loved the town its only negative has been the totally dysfunctional town centre building which has brought several unwanted titles to the town negatively impacting on the town as a whole.
- It has no natural flow to it. It feels like someone just added bits on as they went along. Away from the main shops, it is a warren of ramps, which as a lone female, often feels uncomfortable to walk in. There is so much underutilised space but again as parts are squirrelled away, someone visiting today wouldn't know the half of it. Externally it is just an eye sore.
- The building is ugly.
- Regularly voted an eye sore in national surveys and polls. Outdated and holding back the local economy
- It may be for those not living in our regularly using the Town Centre. It is in my opinion, ugly and no longer fit for purpose
- At the time when it was built it was a great idea, but never a good looking structure, but over the years parts have been removed, fell into disrepair bits added, parts closed off. It just doesn't work anymore.
- It is not fit for purpose and ugly to look at
- "I have for much of my life (now 47) been an advocate for preserving brutalist architecture in Britain. I fought for Birmingham library to remain, I am originally from there and always felt the building had a truly great aesthetic and functional use, it always gave me a wow feeling to walk through it and use it. However, it was eventually demolished and has been replaced with new and shiny building, which I quite like also. I first heard of the Cumbernauld megastructure in the 90s and was one of the reasons that I was excited about moving to Scotland and working in Cumbernauld and also in the building itself as a retailer.

I do believe that good architecture should be celebrated and some preserved as a stamp in time to demonstrate changing ideas and ways of living. However after working in and using this structure every day for a few years now I have come to realise that this structure does not work, its function as a community space DOES NOT work, in fact I would go as far to say it has no redeeming functional use, it is a building that when walked around leaves you with a feeling of unease, loneliness, it's hard to see how it ever worked for the community, try and find the library without using a lift and you will see what I mean, it is empty and reminiscent of dangerous underpasses where no one wants to go.



The only significant design element is the top level, which has lost its impact due to the add ons and adding over the years to the megastructure, this element is lost and was never the best example of brutalism any way. I believe that really the only demographic that this building has that would see it as special are local people who may have a nostalgic emotion for childhood experiences here, it doesn't in my view hold any significant architectural value nationwide that can't be preserved in photographs and in books of how not to design a community space.

I do surprise myself with how I feel, but after being here for the last 5 years and have now understand that the people of Cumbernauld need more, they need a town that works for the community because at the moment Cumbernauld is a hangover of a once brave new world experiment of which I applaud but has ultimately failed, Cumbernauld needs deserves to be given a opportunity and not left resting in the grave yard of failed town planning. let it move on, developers and council planners did many years ago and now it is a Frankenstein of its original 50s utopia. let's put it out of its misery and try something new."

- "If it has any architectural interest, it is only to show an example of what not to build.
 - I am willing to bet that none of the architects who designed this concrete block live in Cumbernauld.
 - It is a blot on the landscape and its removal is long overdue."
 - The megastructure is no longer the original architectural concept that was envisaged and constructed fifty years ago. Too much has been demolished or substantially altered for it to be in any way considered worthy of preservation.
 - Think it's time to update the centre it's past its sell by date
 - It's an ugly concrete slab
 - In its state when first built it was of architectural significance. It is now in disrepair, energy inefficient and downtrodden. It is not fit for its original purpose. Please use VR to capture the building in its "glory" so future generations can appreciate the idea, but the people of Cumbernauld do not deserve to live with this building.
 - It's an eye sore unfit for purpose we need better facilities
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- I have been a resident in Cumbernauld for 30 years. I have always found Cumbernauld Town Centre to be an infamous stain on the Town and part of the reason why it has such a negative reputation. I would rather the decision was made to demolish it and therefore allow Cumbernauld to regain some of its pride again.
 - The building has been a scar on the landscape for too long. It has been awarded the Most dismal town by the Carbuncle award. The thought of it being awarded architectural interest beggars' belief
 - Outdated, poor facilities. Crumbling external and internal decoration
 - The Brutalist movement is not only out of fashion with architects but is overwhelmingly hated by the public.
 - "You could recreate the town centre with Lego bricks. That's how blocky and ugly it is. I don't see massive numbers of architects or architecture fans visiting the Town Centre on a daily basis, bringing their tourism revenue to the town. If it was of that much interest, then why has it taken until the proposal to demolish it to ask for listing? Why has it not been given protection before? All of a sudden, it's important, when it was allowed to fall into disrepair for years prior to the Council plans.



At the end of the day, any architectural significance could be captured in media format, for those who enjoy these things. Meanwhile, the residents of Cumbernauld need a functioning, safe and fit-for-purpose building in their town centre."

- This is an excellent example of what can go wrong with modern thinking especially during the 1950's through to the 1980's. This is a horrible eyesore that the only purpose it sets is to show just how bad a piece of architecture can be and still actually get built. The town centre is the hub of our town, and we have to contend with this monstrosity, most of which is vacant and becoming derelict. By all means make an accurate model and have that on display somewhere should anyone need to be reminded of how not to design a building and allow us to be able to move our town forward.
- The centre is an eye sore there is little to no use in the building, it leaks and lack of heating. The internals are not looked after at all.
- The building needs demolished, the shops are constantly being flooded smell of damp and it's an unattractive shopping centre which never attracts anyone from outside Cumbernauld
- The lack of care and attention that the entire building has been given throughout my entire lifetime (38 years) has been appalling and it has led to the site falling apart, smelling awful, a health and safety risky and also an eye sore to the public. Placing this as a listed building is doing nothing other than dragging Cumbernauld backwards.
- The worst building award is first option to disagree. Second being the lack of safety this building has, lack of heating, subsidence
- I understand it was a building of its time, however I'm sure there are many more deserving examples. This structure has no redeeming features in my view and is a very poor example of architectural greatness. I know of no one who lives in the area who likes this building.
- It's an architectural eyesore with no historical value and is fairly inaccessible and not fit for purpose.
- An eyesore
- It is a complete eyesore of a building and makes and feels Cumbernauld a rundown town centre
- It is hindering the development of Cumbernauld. The area needs a fresh start so that residents don't need to always travel to Glasgow.
- "Complete eyesore since it was built. Never been for purpose and I've lived here since 1970.
Has to go."
- Maybe at the time it was built it was special, but it has been allowed to go to ruin and is now just an eyesore and embarrassment
- It is an eyesore and should be demolished
- It is an absolute eyesore and not fit for purpose
- The town centre is an eyesore, the building does not function correctly for modern day living, the inner layout is unsafe for members of the public (i.e., lonely ramps/corridors leading to nowhere). It has been altered so many times over the years, any architectural triumph of years gone by is now long gone.
- Offers zero to the town. Requires modernising



- It's not the most attractive building to look at. Inside and outside are needing modernisation and updated. Cumbernauld is crying out for a outside space for the town centre and bring it into the 21st century.
- This Cumbernauld town centre was built around the same time as other new town inc Livingston and East Kilbride where both are thriving, and we are left with the majority of shops being charity shops. A total mess.
- "The building is an eye sore. The fact someone has applied for this to be a listed building dumbfounds me. I can only assume they have an agenda so that funds are redirected to somewhere which actually means something to them.
Bring it down and start over.
Cumbernauld has a growing and varied population which would support a fit for purpose town centre."
- I don't think it is of any interest
- The whole area is an eyesore and serves very little purpose. The town needs to be updated with properties/shops to cope with the ever-increasing houses being built in the town. So many families with children who have little to stop them having to go to Glasgow/Stirling to find entertainment or decent shops.
- Place is an outdated eye sore with below average shops and is in serious need of updating
- It's in disrepair and in desperate need of attention but belongs to so mainly different companies who see it only as a tax dodge or rent machine that nobody care about it or the jobs it could attract
- "It may be of some interest to a few, but not the major majority.
- It is no longer fit for purpose and has not been for many years.
- Cumbernauld deserves better. The local economy deserves better."
- I believe for something to be listed it should be something that is thought fondly by the local community. This is the opposite it has been an eyesore to the people of Cumbernauld since the 1980's. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better. We deserve new buildings that are fit for purpose and not the monstrosity that sits there just now. It's hard to believe that people won't move to Cumbernauld to join our local community because of this. The committee should reject this application and give the people of Cumbernauld what the deserve.
- The town centre is disjointed it is unpleasant and is not fit for purpose for a town the size of Cumbernauld
- This building may have been of its time but is certainly not a thing of beauty by any stretch of the imagination. Now it looks nothing more than an outdated eyesore and doesn't give a positive first impression on entering Cumbernauld. This is what got the town centre so many Carbuncles and Plook On The Plinth awards. It's not in keeping with the modernised premises surrounding it and bringing the town centre up to the current century is long overdue.
- I do not believe that the original town centre buildings are of special architectural interest and in fact I do believe that they are an architectural disaster and a scourge on our landscape here in Cumbernauld
- This is an outdated disgrace for a new town
- The building is an eyesore. It's completely ugly and a stain on Cumbernauld.



- Has been an eye sore for so many years and having grown up in Cumbernauld I've seen the building deteriorate over the years rather than adapt to the change that is continuously happening in the town, it may be a listed building, but this isn't a tourist destination and struggle to see what benefit financially it generates into the town.
- This building is not a good example of Brutalist architecture. It is a shambolic mishmash of many different styles thrown together without much thought or appreciation of the residents of the town. It has led to our town being utterly mocked by national TV programmes and is severely outdated for a modern, growing town.
- The building is a blight on the town. The majority of the town want this building pulled down. Please allow this to happen and reject any listing.
- It's ugly from the outside and looks in desperate need of upgrading.
- The town centre is an eye sore and is not fit for purpose as a shopping centre
- It's an absolute eye sore.
- There can be no architectural interest that is relevant. The building is an eyesore and has been left to ruin. Take photos of it and move on with the times.
- it is now an outdated eye sore that offers nothing other than charity shops or vape shops no longer fit for purpose I find myself driving to other areas for a pleasant shopping experience
- The building is an eye sore and is not fit for purpose. It is frightening to be inside when it's quiet and does not promote a sense of community. Aside from the terrible planning it's run down and gives off an air of deprivation. The quality of shops is terrible, people prefer to travel to more appropriate shopping centres out with the area. Cumbernauld has a population that should be able to sustain a good town centre that serves the community and promotes a sense of community.
- The building is of no architectural significance and has been an object of scorn for many years. You only need to look at the condition of the walkways and stairwells to understand there has been no investment in this part of the town centre, had there been any investment in maintaining or developing this part it might support the claim that there is architectural significance.
- This building is an eyesore. Making this a listed building would have an overwhelming negative impact on the local community. This town needs to grow into the future and not hold on to worthless ancient relics that serve absolutely no purpose.
- it was never developed properly and is now just an eyesore And this century needs a more modern town centre
- Totally uninspiring structure.
- Whilst I understand it was innovative at the time it has long ceased to serve the needs of the community and is very unattractive.
- The original design was not completed and various parts have already been demolished. Whilst there may be some limited interest amongst the architectural fraternity there are other examples of brutalist design at locations that aren't as central to the well-being of a community such as a town centre. At the end of the day this is a location that should be viewed as one that has to be utilised and its current design and layout is acting as an impediment to it being so as fully as it otherwise might be.
- This building has been an eyesore since day one.
- The building is an eyesore. Parts derelict, unused, outdated, unkept. It is no longer being used to its full potential.



- It's an eyesore and was probably for purpose in its time but not now.
- It is an eyesore and in bad condition. Leaking roofs, empty shops and if not empty rubbish pound or charity shops.
- "It has always been an unsightly building. ugly from the day and hour it was constructed. it would be better demolished rather than the depressing building it is now and always has been.
- It is not of architectural interest.
- To make it a listed building totally devalues all other special listed buildings of our heritage such as castles and stately homes. This building will fall into disrepair and become an eye sore or more of an eye sore than it is now. And always has been"
- I have lived in Cumbernauld since 2009 I tend not to shop in the old part as it isn't very inviting, and the building is an ugly eyesore. I believe development off the town centre will bring more people and much employment to the town. I urge the HSE not to give it protected status and listen to the majority especially those who live and shop in and around Cumbernauld.
- It's an eyesore that should have been halted in the 60's when it was being built.
- Although it was probably an experimental development at the time, it has never been fit for purpose - and buildings should have a purpose. There are too many unused and unusable areas and the finances it generates are obviously not sufficient to maintain its upkeep therefore it has never been maintained sufficiently (or is unmaintainable). A public building should also provide a focus for a town or area and this building attracts focus for the wrong reasons.
- It made a statement in the past but has to go. Nothing to admire about it
- It might have been at one point, but decades of neglect have left it an eye sore which should have been torn down 30 years ago
- It is a dump
- It's an abomination. It may well have been ahead of it's time when it was built but it is a complete eyesore and a plague on Cumbernauld.
- The building is an eyesore and it various places unusable due to damage/leaks. The shops and facilities are pretty sparse and has more charity shops than retailers. As 1 of the largest towns in Cumbernauld its long overdue an upgrade and some quality investment.
- It's a dump and requires regeneration
- The building is an ugly eyesore and should have been demolished years ago.
- "It's not of interest because other buildings in new towns look like it...just not quite as bad.
A failed experiment in architecture that is no longer fit for purpose and need replaced ASAP."
- It literally has won the Carbuncle Award. In fact, does so regularly. It's not a nice building. It's not a nice town centre in 2022. We have the option of investment in a new town centre, and I have spoken to literally nobody in real life, in Cumbernauld, who wants to keep it. I have no idea why someone would apply to have it preserved, but it wouldn't seem to be someone who had Cumbernauld's residents' best interests at heart.
- It is an eyesore, it is run down and extremely dated, it lacks character and does not create a "high street" experience when using it.



- I have only heard the "special architectural interest" expounded in publications. Everyone I know in Cumbernauld believes that a modern centre is needed to serve the people best. I can understand that some architecture fans might believe it's worth keeping, but I believe them to be a very insignificant minority and the majority do not think keeping the centre is anything other than folly.
- "It's an eyesore
Plook on the plinth"
- "The town centre is not valued for its architecture; the building twice won the Carbuncle award for most dismal town centre and separately finished first in a Channel 4 poll for Britain's ugliest building.
I can't see residents having any connection to the structure outside of misplaced nostalgia. The calls for the structure to be protected come from architects who don't live in the area and view the building as almost a bit of a bad joke of which they are too fond to let go.
For residents, however, who have to use this facility, it's lack of useful facilities is depressing.
For years Cumbernauld's deprivation has been growing and rejuvenation of our town centre is desperately needed. This building needs to be used and to evolve to meet the needs of our community, it does exist to appeal to the architectural community who would struggle to name more than a handful of the businesses the building currently hosts."
- "Apart from being hard on your eyes.
It isn't saved for anyone to walk through later on. With kids hanging about and loads of dingy areas for people to hide.
Not to mention the smell of urine in areas like stair wells and ramps."
- While there is general architectural significance in the whole new town area, the megastructure itself is an example of something that has not stood the test of time and therefore should not be preserved. There is plenty of film and photography archive.
- I fully recognise that as part of the 1960s development of new towns that at that point the building and indeed Cumbernauld was seen as a positive example of creative architecture. However, the building no longer enhances the town in any way and I would question the rationale for recognising it today as a positive architectural example which needs to be preserved
- it's an eyesore
- It's an eye sore and not fit for purpose. Women are SCARED to walk in particular areas, there are buckets everywhere when it rains it's ugly , depressing and no longer can support the infrastructure of Cumbernauld
- It would depend on the meaning of special. Personally, it holds no interest for me other than an eye sore. It's lack of light, poor upkeep and strange composition all stir negative emotions. I can see some people using the special as I would imagine there are not many structures like it around.
- The design of the town centre currently is hideous and not at all practical.
- Has no significant interest. The building is an eyesore, embarrassing for resident of Cumbernauld and preserving a concrete monstrosity is not appropriate when more modern, environmentally friendly buildings could replace it.
- It's a complete eyesore that is the reason that Cumbernauld has won the carbuncle award twice



- The building is unsightly and a flight on the landscape. The interior is rambling and confusing to navigate making the whole shopping experience uninspiring.
- listed building are much more complex to look after (as they are older and cost so much more time effort and money) in the long run unless hundreds of thousands are ploughed into the building they will eventually need pulled down that's after they crumble so let's put it out its misery and pulled it down under controlled time and effort. learn from the past and move on. by doing this we can improve the facilities hopefully get much more foot fall which can bring more money and keep the community from going elsewhere and hopefully keeping them in the area and not moving away. we need to start looking at keeping people in the towns and villages where they work and grown with their families
- "Whilst the design may have been seen as 'innovative' in the 60s it has no relevance in the modern era. It is old and tired and no longer fit for purpose. Preservation of the structure would serve no useful purpose. The town centre has held the town back for decades"
- In its heyday it was brilliant, like the old high rise multi story housing it's now outdated
- It's an ugly eyesore of a building.
- The Cumbernauld town centre was literally voted the worst architectural design in all of Scotland
- It is not interesting nor a good example of stylish architecture
- The whole of the New Town of Cumbernauld played a significant role in the history of New Towns in Scotland from when it was first designated as such. The principles of the original Town Centre and its design were very much a part of its time, and of the town planning principles of live, work and play in the central environment.
- It is a monstrosity of a building and is not fit for purpose. Cumbernauld needs decent facilities for people
- Whilst the original design was an amazing concept, it just doesn't work as a Town Centre now. I love Cumbernauld, but not the Town Centre. The Megastructure is an eyesore and has been part of the reason the town has been designated a "carbuncle". We need something more relevant and useful in that space to serve the local community.
- This is a concrete monstrosity, Irene is ugly an absolute embarrassing sight to people living or visiting this town. It is not user friendly and is a seriously uninviting image for future footfall in relation to shops and more so a series lack of social services such as dining and communal areas for casual recreation .
- Whilst an unusual design the building has outlived its usefulness
- It is an abomination that is disintegrating before our eyes. It smells of decay and is a death trap. If any architecture geeks want to preserve it, they can dismantle it and preserve it someplace else. It is a blot on the landscape and an utter embarrassment to Cumbernauld that holds the place back from providing amenities local residents need. People refuse to go in it and shop elsewhere due to its stupid layout and state of disrepair. I hate it.
- "The building itself is no longer fit for purpose and isn't getting the best use out of it currently.
It takes up too much space for this to be left in its current condition, when more modern ideas could see better use.
After alterations it has ended up as a maze of different paths that really don't go where you want."



- "It is unique structure however it needs to be demolished.
The new town centre could incorporate some of the original design features."
- It looks terrible, it leaks and is out of date. It has dark and dingy areas which look appalling. Everyone talks about it in a negative manner, and it wins every award for worst looking town centre. It is an embarrassment. It is disjointed and has no flow to it and the sections have no flowing link to each other. There are many wasted areas and it never attracts decent shops. Having lived here for 48 years, I know very few people who shop here for a night out outfit or birthday present. It has been needing rebuilt for many years, not preserved. It is an eyesore and the people of Cumbernauld deserve better.
- It is the most horrible place on earth. I hate having to use this building and never feel safe when using it.
- There is nothing of significance left in the town centre
- The centre has won the award for the worst town centre on numerous occasions. If you ask the residents the people who actually use shop there they hate it / are embarrassed by it, we are in the top ten most inhabited places in Scotland. Let's give Cumbernauld something to be proud of. It's new town not everything worked first time, embraced what is good but get rid of what does not work 60 years on, the world and the community have moved on
- "It is an eyesore, very dated and not fit for purpose.
I think this needs to be looked at sensibly- realistically how many people study the current building for its architectural qualities? Probably very few.
How many people would benefit from the regeneration of the site? Thousands throughout Cumbernauld and north Lanarkshire including businesses who would inevitably see higher footfall if the building was modernised vastly."
- It is an eyesore, and the design is not fit for purpose. It's a blot on the landscape and whilst it may have been innovative at the time of design, the building has had large areas which have not been utilised and been inaccessible for decades.
- The building is an eyesore, it is in disrepair and as a community we need to move towards the future for everyone's needs. The new proposal offers so much more and would hopefully bring in new investors for our town which is greatly needed.
- It has been an eyesore and very dated for many years now I think it's time to come down and replaced with something a lot more modern
- It's an eyesore. Please demolish it.
- It is an eyesore in the present day and was not built properly in line with its original concept
- It's a giant carbuncle which does not serve the needs of the residents of Cumbernauld.
- I think it's a horrible, old building that needs demolished to make way for better facilities.
- It's not used for the purpose it was built. It is an eye sore it leaks there has always for as long as I can remember been buckets put down to catch rain. The area needs something positive something to be proud of something to feel like council care what happens in Cumbernauld rather than feeling the poor side of Lanarkshire. Its ugly
- It is now not fit for purpose and is preventing the development of the new town into a centre to meet the needs of dirtier generations



- It may be a design of its time, but it is neither worth keeping nor fit for purpose. It is brutal in design and reflects poorly on the town. Psychologically it has a depressive effect on me every time I see it. We should look to a renewed future does not dwell in preserving ugly buildings of the past.
- Cumbernauld needs a makeover it actually is quite a depressing looking structure and I have visited this area only twice for that reason. People I know don't visit Cumbernauld at all because of that building they go to other towns. To bring money into any community a Town Centre has to be inviting. Why would anyone want to list this horrible building??
- The town centre hasn't stood the test of time and has no worth in preserving it. The building hasn't evolved to modern day living as the building is an example of architecture that isn't safe, attractive, and environmentally friendly. Keeping this building would be upsetting for most of the residents of Cumbernauld.
- Its concrete brutalism is not unique. The original 1960s structure has already been added to, subtracted from, and changed in many ways over the years.
- Had its day in the sun. No longer fit for purpose and an eyesore.
- Eyesore, a thriving town centre should be built next to train and bus station. All you have to observe with Cumbernauld town centre is charity shops and low public turn out. If bus and train station available, you would have the passing through customers trade rather online.
- It is, in relation to what it was at the time it was built, but that's not a good enough reason to preserve it
- The old town centre is an eye sore and does not encourage new business or people to come and spend money, it is now full of empty shops and charity shops
- At the time of development, it may have been cutting edge architecture, however over the years it's been neglected and is nothing short of a carbuncle on the landscape
- I am very interested in architecture and am aware of the past fame of the Cumbernauld Town Centre, but sometimes good intentions end up being not so good in the long run. I remember when we moved into the area, and I tried to cross the main road in the town centre from one side to another. I got totally lost in the endless corridors and was in tears until I finally found my way to the other side. This feeling of frustration has never left me, it comes back every time I visit the town centre, in spite of the fact I can now negotiate my way between the buildings. This is 17 years after that initial experience. There is so much wasted space, scary empty corridors, and a feeling of being lost and alone - this is architecture that is not worth keeping, in spite of the original creative ideas and good intentions. Sometimes we just have to let things go and this is one of those cases. It is better to create an uplifting, beautiful, happy and innovative place for the local residents rather than maintain as a monument the old structure that, unfortunately, even after being painted, still remains an eye sore and has in it a feeling of sadness and something having gone drastically wrong. Listing the buildings will only settle these sad and depressing feelings and total lack of beauty into concrete which is not fair to the local people.
- "The building is an eyesore
Facilities unfit for purpose
There is nothing for young people worth talking about because the centre as it stands, does not create a community, it doesn't inspire community, I would argue that it has left Cumbernauld without a soul and community heart."



- "This town centre is terrible to look at, terrible to use and terrible to live nearby. It is brutalist concrete architecture that should be recognised as a mistake and torn down. It is not for no reason it has been voted as the UK's worst building twice. To suggest it is saved as of special architectural significance is quite frankly a joke, and more than likely has been nominated as such."
- Although Cumbernauld town centre is a well-known mess of a structure it is not practical for the communities that live here. Young people in the area deserve better, often we have to go to Glasgow to access many different things we need. The town centre is a mess and has to be changed
- It is a hotchpotch of different styles.
- That why it's so interesting, it's awful. this why you don't build shopping centres like that.
- The building is an eyesore and is not fit for purpose. It is cold draughty and leaks when raining. It's unsafe if you have reason to be in it in the evening. It has too many blind spots in which people could easily be robbed or attacked and as an elderly lady having been waiting for a bus alone at night, I found it a very frightening experience. There are too many passageways and stairwells which are used by some for urinating It is rundown, dirty and an embarrassment to the town. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better.
- It was futuristic at the time, in a Dan Dare sort of way. But now it's a laughingstock.
- "The building is long been an eye sore. It has major phase on phase redevelopment, so it is not all one cohesive architectural building. It is fragmented by a road which cuts through the middle of it. The building in essence has gained notoriety only for its ugly exterior. To request it is preserved would not only be wrong, but it would be a further insult to people of Cumbernauld forced to live with its outdated look forcing us to deal with the considerable negative press long associated with it."
- Do not fully understand criteria for special architectural interest however if this is relevant it would be purely of academic interest and certainly not of interest to the residents of Cumbernauld
- I don't know anything about architecture, so I'm not qualified to make a judgement. My personal opinion is that it's ugly and not fit for purpose.
- The place isn't for purpose, it's hideously ugly and wasn't built with any consideration to future planning. Pull it down!
- it is half empty, the roof leaks and is an eyesore
- It is a total eyesore and should be demolished to make way for something better.
- It has been modified from the original. It is not linked to its immediate environment and does not enhance it. The brutalist form could be preserved otherwise in photographs, incorporation of small examples into a new scheme.
- "The building is an eyesore. It has significantly hampered the development of the town and the social dynamic and development of Cumbernauld. Unwelcoming, intimidating, harsh and soulless it can't be allowed to hold the town and its residents back any longer."
- It's an absolute eyesore and laughingstock of western Scotland, demolish it and give us a functional town centre that people actually want to go to.



- This building has been unthoughtfully added on to over the years in place of maintaining the original building. There is not much of the original building that could be economically repaired.
- Whilst it may have been of interest at the time of building it is an eyesore and creates a depressing environment to live in. This is not a building worthy of listing. It is a reason to be embarrassed about living in Cumbernauld and should be demolished
- The design of the new town is of special architectural interest, but the town centre building is just one part of this. The layout of the town centre and surround area are of interest however the building itself is not a good example as it has failed to function for many years. I do not think that failures should be upheld as special interests

- It's an eyesore and feels out of place.
- The place is falling apart, more leaks in the roof than anything, no decent shops or any major supplier interested in opening up a shop in it
- It is an eyesore in the middle of our town. The building is falling apart and, there are no decent facilities or shops.
- It is no longer used in the large part, it's very unsightly and has been ill maintained for years
- The building is of no architectural interest to me or my family. We live in the county and regularly use Cumbernauld for the shops. The sooner the building is knocked down and the centre redeveloped the better so that this sizeable town can get the amenities and services its residents deserve.
- This building is a "mish mash" of phases and is a blight on the landscape. It should have been demolished decades ago if the CDC and then the NLC had any real plan and foresight as to what should be serving the growing population of Cumbernauld at its centre.
- Agree it is of special architecture interest to architects, however Joe Public just wants it replaced. It is not of architectural interest to those who use centre every.
- My understanding is the centre was innovative at the time of development.
- It is an absolute eyesore and I cannot see how it could possibly be of architectural interest other than something never to be repeated.
- The building is an eyesore, it is not readily accessible and not a nice place to shop in and around
- It has no architectural interest it falling to bits the third floor where it used to be CDC and all the flats are now not in use place is falling apart
- Totally not relevant today
- It is a Mish mash of broken leaky concrete with filthy areas inside that can't be used and filthy pigeon infested car parking it is a total dump and eyesore no maintenance has ever been done to the old parts and it shows its rotting away
- This building is disjointed and an eyesore
- The building is a disaster. A blot upon the town, and incredibly difficult to navigate. It feels unsafe, especially for vulnerable individuals in lonely, windswept, leaking, and abandoned corners. It's a completely ineffective town centre, dilapidated and has not been fit for purpose for decades. It's a wholly impractical facility.
- Very little of the original design is still there or in use today.



- I grew up in Cumbernauld. It's an utter monstrosity of a building. Demolish it and regenerate it with the community driving this. A new 21st century Eco Village the town can be proud of. Inspire young minds and get our young people to co-design it.
- The building is extremely unattractive. It is not fit for purpose, has been poorly maintained. The building is badly designed for easy access to all shops and to bus stops, virtually impossible for anyone disabled to navigate.
- "It is different in the way a town centre is normally open, but this is all enclosed. It is not pretty from the outside and not welcoming.
Just looks plain and a bit of an eyesore.
Only thing I would say is a positive is that it makes good use of space upwards above the ground level."
- It is an example of designing a building without an eye to future community needs. Parts of the building has had to be demolished about 20 years ago. The hotel burnt down many years ago it's just an eyesore and is stopping our community from moving on.
- It is an eyesore of a building.
- I think it is horrible
- It is extremely ugly and depressing and overshadows a town centre with a lot of potential. It is difficult to access and navigate.
- It's an eyesore, bulldoze it,
- It looks as if a child built it out of random building blocks and then ran out of the ones needed so used what was left
- The building is disjointed and doesn't look like it's ever been a 'single structure'. It's decapitated.
- It's disgusting. To think that we're considering keeping this eye sore! Knock it down. Start again and get it looking neat and tidy. Who wants to pay council tax for a town centre that looks like [REDACTED]
- Perhaps the version that existed 40 years ago should have been listed back then but there is now very little remaining of that original build, and the more modern sections are not special in any way.
- It's an eye sore outdated and falling apart.
- "Nil, it is a horrible building that should be pulled down as soon as possible.
It is not fit for purpose and lack imagination."
- It is outdated and fails to attract new businesses to the town and it's ugly
- It is a disgraceful building that has never been fit for purpose.
- It is an eye sore
- I think the people of Cumbernauld deserve to have a building that they can be proud of with new shop and a hub of the community
- It is an eyesore that has never been maintained. Bits of the building joined on here and there. Cumbernauld is apparently a new town that has nothing new in it! This building is stopping other developments from happening.
- This centre has been recorded as the worst town centre three times. Demolition is the only answer for the building it is not fit for purpose. Disability access, parking divided building miles to walk for transport.
- Unless there is a massive cash injection it is fading grandeur
- It is an eyesore that is not fit for purpose in an expanding community



- Cumbernauld Town Centre has been a horrible eyesore throughout my entire life. The design is terribly depressing and not fit for purpose. It has badly decayed over time with very little care taken to maintain it. The layout of the centre makes it difficult to navigate and most of its facilities are not very accessible especially for the aging population of the town.
- The building is outdated, unsightly, dilapidated, and unfit for purpose.
- The town centre is an eyesore and is of no architectural interest, in fact, I would suggest the opposite to be true, it's a mockery of specialist architecture and was built to serve a purpose for a "new town" but the town has outgrown the town centre facilities.
- It is a fact that the Cumbernauld centre was a bold view of how a town could be, however it has dilapidated so hugely that the bold vision of the future is now a poorly maintained and ugly eyesore.
- My family live in Cumbernauld and for years have avoided the Town Centre as it is dark and unwelcoming.
- It is special, but only in the sense that earthquakes are special. In that they are unusual... and bad. A very good example of how to do architecture wrong. So maybe future architecture students could learn from it in that respect.
- By no means its pleasing to the eye and just looks like a mishmash of buildings with no thought or ability to convert into use able space.
- It is a disaster of a structure. A total embarrassment to the area, it should be demolished not preserved.
- Whatever the perceived 'merits' were in the 1960's, the town centre today is, in my opinion, aesthetically ugly, socially impersonal and a blight on the landscape. (also, very confusing to get from one side to another). I'm afraid I think the same of the entire town. 'New' towns were a horrible concept, very existential and utilitarian but devoid of soul, like a huge extension of tower blocks.
- "It is a curse to the town of Cumbernauld. It has made the town a laughingstock for being centred around a crafty, leaky, outdated, ugly monolith. Architecture should be beautiful or interesting or both. The town centre is neither. It is bland, ugly and didn't work when I was a child (1980s) and certainly does not work now."
- I feel if the building has managed to survive in its 1960s conception, then it may be worth listing. However, the problems and the constant rehabilitations mean that much of the essence has been lost. Perhaps over part of the structure (e.g. The "penthouse" as a symbolic tower) could be a way of commemorating the building whilst giving way to a better use of the town centre for the town.
- Outdated building which no longer meets the requirements of the area. Ugly eyesore.
- This is an eyesore and would look much better regeneration
- I have lived in Cumbernauld my whole life and I can attest that 99% of people who live there think the town centre is an eyesore. It's not fit for purpose, a complete warren, and is detracting from what could be a vibrant centre if the whole structure was demolished. If it was compared to other new towns then Cumbernauld centre has been neglected and everyone is now chained to a listed building that nobody wants.
- It is an eye sore and the butt of many jokes. It's time Cumbernauld was brought into the 21st century



- Although I appreciate the architect was lauded at the time none of this building it got for use. I believe this would be the case even with extensive restoration.
- This is probably the most ugly building that I have ever seen.
- It is a depressing building both indoors and out. Horrible building which wastes lots of space.
- Its old and dated, inside and out, it's never busy
- it looks like a rundown factory
- It's hideous to look at and horrible to shop in. It's dull and poor looking. It has never been nice and had no place in this century
- "I slightly agree, as when constructed the design and build process was widely acclaimed and used as an example of future build criteria. This was probably due to the use of concrete pouring, as such a design significant element.
These people of that time cannot have been wrong, in the nature of progress, but as the years progressed and the town expanded, functionality and suitability slowly reversed. It should retain some kind of architectural award for its generation but listed recognition!???"
- It is an absolute eyesore, not fit for purpose. There used to be housing at one point within the building with limited access, no wonder it failed. Badly thought out and planned , it should use as an example of " how not to plan " a town centre.
- Not all architecture deserves to be celebrated, this is one such example. This will also kill off any chance of future development of the site to make it a viable town centre. the listing will be nothing more than a weight around the centre's owners' necks.
- Just because a building is an example of architecture from a specific period, it doesn't mean it should be retained indefinitely. The building served a purpose at the time; however times and requirements have moved on significantly and it's no longer fit for purpose. The construction and form are not commercially viable (space /shape/ form) nor is it sustainable from an energy or maintenance point of view.
- "The TC is of its time, there are plenty of other examples of ' 1960s brutalism architecture'. Nowadays most people don't enjoy using the TC, it's disjointed, has the worst ever bus 'station', it's dangerous too!
The people of Cumbernauld need a TC to be proud of."
- "I can see why some people want it listed. At the time it was built it was a novelty. Innovative, unusual. It attracted architects from all over the world.
However, the town seemed to outgrow it. Bits were added on or expanded in a seemingly random fashion. It began to look less 'planned' and more of a hotch-potch of ideas. The wind tunnel effect of being on top of the hill with the prevailing wind from the west didn't help. The constant water leaks from the roof looked awful. I'm afraid it has outgrown its usefulness. I have lived and grown up in Cumbernauld since 1960 and I worked at one time in Cumbernauld Development Corporation's Public Relations Office."
- The building is neither fit for purpose or has any aesthetic value. It is an eyesore and has caused the town of Cumbernauld to be ridiculed and be known country wide as the town with the ugliest building and how anyone could look at that picture and find any valid reason for saving it is beyond me and many other people. Just because something was built during an earlier period does not automatically make it architecturally valuable and the architects involved in its original design should be embarrassed by the



monstrosity that we are now discussing. The town of Cumbernauld deserves to have this monstrosity removed from their future.

- It's an eyesore, poorly designed and constructed. Many areas of the centre leak or are abandoned/empty because the layout isn't well thought of either.
- "As an example of post war new town ambition, it is of social and architectural interest. This history can be retained without the need to retain the building, which is a leaky, costly, rabbit warren that no longer meets the needs of the evolving population. Cumbernauld Library has a great exhibition on the town centres history and that should be retained and built upon."
- I believe too many unsympathetic changes have been made and the original purpose and feel of the building are long gone.
- It is ridiculous to suggest that there is anything iconic, interesting, or significant about the town centre building. It is detrimental to the enjoyment of the community who deserve facilities that enhance community life
- There is absolutely nothing noteworthy about this monstrosity of a building, it's made us a laughingstock and is certainly not fit for purpose and well past its sell by date.
- It's outdated and horrible.
- I think it is a particularly unattractive building
- This building could only ever be of architectural interest in a "how not to design a building" way
- It is a disconnect piece of Lego (built by a 4-year-old) inspired building with zero character or appeal. It is outdated, not fit for purpose and a complete eyesore.
- The building is a shambles. It is falling to pieces, it's not maintained correctly, it is NOT fit for purpose! The people of Cumbernauld deserve better and quite frankly, there is nothing even remotely worth preserving.
- Was ugly when they built it, time has not been kind.
- "It is an ugly grey blob which is effectively not fit for purpose and access to the shopping facilities is like trying to get out a maze.

There are no easy ways to go from side of the main busy road to the other, especially for disabled shoppers. There is a distinct lack of high street shops and/or quality stores. The bus stances are cold, bland, and depressing - with no decent information facilities or toilet facilities.

This is just a few of my gripes as I now avoid the centre unless it is necessary.

Without our own transport it is impossible to visit the big stores on the periphery of the town ie B&Q etc.

I have been here 59 years and watched the town centre slide into a place to avoid."

- This part of the town centre is a testament to worst elements 1960s brutalist architecture. In my opinion it has no aesthetic qualities and little functionality. The concept never worked either as commercial building or as residential facilities. It didn't encourage people coming together, internal circulation was poor with corridors merging into more corridors. A building of nightmares!
- It has no aesthetic value whatsoever.
- "Use as an example of how not to build a town centre for future generations. Badly planned eyesore.."
- It's a monstrosity and looks like massive storage unit



- Been altered so much over the last 30/40 years and is far removed from the original architecture. It is now disjointed and no longer fit for purpose.
- It is pug ugly
- This structure was and is a total disaster due to bad planning and design
- It needs knocking down it's an eyesore.
- As a Life Member of HES I am my family have supported its work and care of historic buildings in Scotland. Cumbernauld town centre ,as displayed as the infrastructure possesses none of the attributes than the vast majority of buildings under the care of HES have.
- I understand that the centre is fairly unique however I cannot find anything attractive about it. I have used the centre fairly often over 30 years and I find it quite bleak, and the layout is confusing. It certainly is not a place where I would choose to linger, socialise or have a meal. I doubt if passing visitors would be enticed to stop as you can drive through the middle of it and not realise that you are in a 'town centre'. As with all towns in the present time, it needs to evolve to better meet the needs of its users and that will require radical change. Blind homage to 'architectural interest' would be unfair to people who live in the locality.
- Needs pulled down and redesigned too much glass and flat roofs constants water issues over the last 20 odd years
- Difficult to get around and not at all suitable for modern day lives.
- I agree from the position that it was the first of kind, however I think that it has never been successful or entirely fit for purpose.
- Living and shopping habits have extensively changed since the design and commissioning of the buildings. The "Town Centre "is where it should be, but a "hub" could be the way to regenerate that area of the town.
- It's a horrendous eyesore!
- "The most important message for the future is that architecture should always be about designing for the use of the development by the public.
Cumbernauld town centre unfortunately is an example of what doesn't work."
- It is ugly and does not serve the citizens of Cumbernauld, there is no cinema, a dearth of restaurants, it is a concrete jungle, no one wants to shop in it, due to the fact that there are more charity shops , than decent shops, I have lived in Cumbernauld , young and now old since 1963 , when it was Kilsyth and Cumbernauld district council , it was a healthy , thriving new town,. That all changed when it became NLC , now Easterhouse in Glasgow , has a shopping centre that is superior , because Cumbernauld has been relegated to a housing scheme, It's not a town centre , because Cumbernauld is no longer town , do us a favour and knock this brutalist monstrosity down
- As much as it holds some significance to locals and the outer towns and villages, it doesn't fit in a modern and future Scotland! The building itself is held in regard for probably not the right reasons and in my opinion it will hold Cumbernauld back in a world where future generations will require innovation and modern tech.
- The dilapidated state of and the current eyesore that is Cumbernauld Town Centre far outweighs any possible special architectural interest there could be. Having seen the building from its initial development to now, the current state is a disgrace and an embarrassing eyesore and is in no way fit for purpose.



- A typical architectural experiment with grand ideas that failed the people it meant to serve. Awful place. Should only be preserved as an example of how not to plan a shopping space.
- "I work in the building industry.
This is an eyesore and has held the development of a proper centre back for years
Cumbernauld deserves better"
- Cumbernauld town centre is unique. It led the formation of many such town centres across the world. The ideas inherent in its design were hugely influential. However while it performed a major role in changing the functional approach to town centre design it has singularly failed in meeting the needs of the local community. It is a eyesore, lacks functionality, is unsafe and uncommercial. It must be demolished to restore civic pride and reinvigorate the town centre, better meeting the needs of the local community.
- It was an experiment related to the creation of a new town, where the centre had to grow with the population and should be considered in the context of what other New Towns achieved. While it is of interest, I consider it a failure in terms of its development as it has never become 'a destination' in the way that Milton Keynes has achieved.
- Ugly, brutal and does not serve the needs of the community. Awkward to use and move about with the different levels not providing quick and easy access
- The New Towns were an important part of 20th Century planning development
- The town centre building is an eye sore and does not seem to me to be anything other than a lesson in how not to design a building!
- "Very ugly building that is very cold and roof leaks in many places. No real flow from areas of shops can be very confusing getting from one section to another. Great lack of amenities restaurant bars etc
Restrictions in parking times. Not an enjoyable experience."
- "An eyesore which doesn't enhance the reputation of the town or reflect positively in any way."
- "I think the centre as a mega structure is based on a failed concept. It was an interesting experiment but in terms of an approach to town planning it is a disaster.
If it were to be listed and preserved it would not be due to its architectural brutalist aesthetic which is frankly ugly, it would be purely in my opinion retained as an example of how not to design a town centre.
Demolish would be my recommendation"
- ugly poorly constructed (leaking roof) badly laid out. I love historic buildings, but this should be flattened, recycled, and replaced with something more in keeping. Perhaps include elements referring to traditional Scottish design. Why do planning allow architects to design flat roof buildings in a country where it sometimes rains?
- This building has no special architectural relevance at all. The new proposed plans to replace it will do so much for Cumbernauld and the surrounding communities.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre, whilst "unique", is by no means of special architectural interest. For a start, how it looks today is not how it looked when it was first opened. Years of weathering, poor maintenance and structural problems have created the much unloved building we have today. There are better examples of this type of architecture elsewhere in Scotland.



- "Visually it is an strange pile of oddly shaped objects without any clear reason for being. It is highly displeasing to the eye to look at that doesn't fit into any landscape. From a practical perspective it is totally impractical > the floor space is poorly planned leading to a lot of wasted space. It is also a maze which takes time to get used to. Safety is also a consideration, especially down on the way and at the bus stops. I don't feel particularly safe there."
- This edifice is now 60 years
- I feel that while Cumbernauld Town Centre is certainly unique and very much of a certain era of architecture, we should not confuse uniqueness with importance.
- it has long been my opinion that the town centre has been viewed over the years, is of no architectural interest other than a poor example of a town centre design which just does not work. the visual appearance of the concrete buildings are, in my opinion of no merit.
- It is as most people would describe it as an eyesore. Disjointed and effectively back to front.
- It was of special architectural interest after it was built but that interest has diminished both amongst architects and the users. It did not go in to inspire many imitators, and the multiple alteration have diminished the interest that was there. Even if restored, it's interest would not be special.
- There's nothing architectural about the building. It's in very bad condition and is a danger for the public and needs demolished to provide modern and appropriate facilities for local residents
- It is an eyesore and embarrassment to locals.
- The Centre is an eyesore, very dark and too many spaces for crime to take place. I do not feel safe in the town centre and would only shop through the Antonine centre if I really had too. Cumbernauld is full of fast food and take aways and not enough focus on independent shops, restaurants and family spaces
- Eye sore could have stop the town degenerating if the so call planning department and civil servants built the town centre next the train station and bus station.
- I hadn't known the history of the megastructure until now.
- I agree it has architectural interest but not to the point it should be preserved to the detriment to the community and all those who need to see it every day. It belongs in books, videos, and photos etc, as a journey and mistake to learn from. It's a towering, useless, ugly embarrassment. I love a beautiful or interesting building, but this is neither.
- It is an eyesore. If people want a record of it, there is enough technology now to preserve it in the form of interactive VR / drone cam / holographic record
- Although it may be considered unique, this building continues to be a complete eyesore. Your introduction to this survey acknowledges that many have different views, however , the fact that it does divide opinion suggests that it is not popular and I remain concerned that it is individuals and organisations with influence who do not live in the town, that make decisions that those of us how do have to live with daily.
- "It's not of any special interest, I can't even believe this eyesore is being considered for listing 😂
I just moved to Cumbernauld and one thing I considered when moving here was this grotesque sight.
I'm pretty confident this building is why Cumbernauld isn't as popular as Livingston."



- The town centre is an embarrassment to Cumbernauld and indeed was ridiculed on national television some years ago.
- Apart from every shopping the town centre in no way meets the needs of the local community.,
- Whilst I appreciate the modernist design it is not easy to negotiate. It is no longer fit for purpose
- Even Stevie Wonder couldn't look at it.
- I think the offices at the top serve no real purpose the be there. It's an eyesore and doesn't benefit the general community. I get there are legal offices and spaces up there, but they are rarely used from what I've seen. The lifts there hardly work if you ever do need to go up...altogether it just doesn't work for me. I think it pulls the look of the new town centre down, very dull, old fashioned and makes the place look "dirty". Also the bookies (blue part) is just as bad. Just looks like a big container where people stand and smoke at the side of the bus stop
- The Town Centre may have been considered architecturally important and significant when it was first built, but it doesn't hold special interest now. It needs to move with the times and be a better facility for the community of Cumbernauld. There is no need to live in the past.
- The Town Centre as it is does not flow to allow ease of access to the shops. Some areas are not safe for females in particular to access at night. As it is just now it does not allow for customers or businesses to access evening shopping.
- It is an ugly building. Unsuitable for its purpose.
- The building is visually intrusive, ugly and has no aesthetic merit. Even within the terms of concrete brutalism, it's a failure. Within the building, it's disorienting, there is no point of reference, it's like being inside random floor surfaces, random empty shops, corridors that are undifferentiated. There's nothing outside to attract affection, it's stained and unsuitable for the location, for the Scottish weather, for any use at all. Celebrating failure, something unfit for purpose and that never worked, is not worth it.
- As someone who works in construction, I see no architectural significance with Cumbernauld Town Centre. There are no special construction methods. The town centre is not linked well and is poorly designed internally.
- "Town Centre is an eye sore.
Should have been demolished years ago.
Empty half the time.
Freezing in winter and filthy"
- Look... it's a mess which will probably suffer from concrete sickness soon. As a Cumbernauld resident aghast at the improvement in retail all over North Lanarkshire and beyond we need improvement here not status quo and further decline.
- "It is a leaking old eyesore ...
It would be a joke to list this building."
- Empty and cold
- It's a joke, the whole of the UK laughs at the state of the building, CARBUNCLE OF THE YEAR HOW MANY TIMES?, total disgrace, too much corruption in the local authority to make a difference, its 2022 not 1922



- I think if there is any historical interest then it is for negative reasons. The building is a source of ridicule and has been for decades now. I believe it very quickly became outdated
- I realise the architectural significance of the whole Town Centre development and the vision behind its creation
- It looks like something a five-year-old put together with a Lego set and has never served any useful purpose and is beset with ongoing maintenance problems
- "It is an eye sore and an embarrassment to Cumbernauld, North Lanarkshire and Scotland! It leaks, the design is terrible and inaccessible for the infirm and elderly/disabled.
Its layout is a barrier to people accessing the library.
It needs replaced with a building which is fit for purpose."
- The building is a complete eyesore
- I think it is an absolute monstrosity and an embarrassment for Cumbernauld
- The mish mash of buildings is a complete eyesore to this area. It may be of interest for what NOT to do when designing!
- "If the special architectural interest was as an example of how not to design something for a community's town centre, this building meets that criterion. I grew up in Cumbernauld in the 1970s and 80s and even at that time I can remember parts of the building not being conducive for community living. There are too many areas within it which are isolated, inaccessible due to its design and unsafe even. It has not been well maintained and parts of it have already been altered in previous years. For example, the Golden Eagle hotel is no longer in existence.
This building being preserved in its current state would prevent future creation of a Town centre fit for purpose for the population of Cumbernauld which is vastly different to that of 50/60 years ago.
The fact that it has been nominated for and probably won ""Carbuncle of the Year"" status speaks volumes as how it is regarded in wider society."
- A splendid example of brutalist concrete. It might be of interest to folk to point at but terrible for those who have to live with it.
- It can only ever be of special architectural interest as an example of a building unfit for purpose from the outset. It was and is still a triumph of style and form over function. The buildings have exterior spaces which are dark and damp, the north facing aspects are frequently mouldy, the interior ceilings are low and claustrophobic, the connecting passage was closed for a long time - it may still be. For this building to remain would be gratuitously offensive to the people of Cumbernauld. The architectural profession owes a debt to the people of Cumbernauld- they should repay it with a building fit for purpose and no flat roofs - this is west central Scotland - a wet and windy place entirely unsuitable for flat roofs.
- It is a total eyesore and has in no way enhanced the town centre in anyway.
- As a lifelong resident of Cumbernauld, I have seen many changes made to it over the years. I'm 50 and the town centre has been modified and revamped many times. The Eagle hotel, Woolco, phase 4 and now the new-ish Antoine Centre. So, my question is what exactly is it we are supposed to be preserving here? It's hardly a pristine example of a classic design. The reality is that it's no more than a jumbled mess of patch repairs cobbled together that can barely be described as being fit for purpose as a shopping attraction. It has won the carbuncle award more than once which is pretty telling.



People here are sick of it and want it gone. It is an embarrassment that really holds the town back. No similar sized town has such a poor shopping experience. M&S tried to open here for years but it never happened largely due to that stupid centre and its owners. Cumbernauld is finally getting some long overdue money spent on it and this has all come to a halt because of this listed building nonsense. It is mischief making, no more than that. An abuse of the process and meanwhile people living here have to suffer this for even longer as a result. Shameful

- There is nothing decent in it regarding shopping charity shops card shops pound shops that's it what a variety !!!!!!!
- The whole Cumbernauld Town Centre has been badly designed. With two carriageways dividing the Town Centre. Tunnels should replace the existing carriageways, allowing the space created to have a single level centre. Built up sections where JD Gyms Iceland and other businesses would be on either side of main centre.
- An experiment that didn't work
- "Agree it has unique characteristics, but it has fallen into disrepair and it is time to look to the future and construct a more suitable option"
- This building is not fit to be at the centre of Cumbernauld. Only fit to be knocked down.
- Total eyesore, very difficult to navigate. Run down.
- In my view it is not a building that is nice to look at or functional
- It's not even used anymore and if demolished would make way for a more aesthetically pleasing and practical building.
- It's an awful jigsaw of buildings that do not serve the local community. It must be knocked down and started again.
- It's outdated, underused and ugly. There is no place for it in a modern town. Cumbernauld cannot regenerate if this eyesore remains. There is no legitimate reason it should remain other than it featured in Gregory's Girl. That, however, does not, in my opinion, merit listed status. In Glasgow city centre they have (criminally in my view) pulled down many many historical beautiful buildings to replace them yet here we have some wishing to protect what is effectively an ugly cyst on the face of a town that could live and breathe once again if brought into the 21st century
- It's outdated ugly a laughingstock of our town
- "It is an out-of-date style of building and is totally inefficient and not fit for purpose. With global warming taking place we need easily maintained, well insulated, efficient and fit for purpose buildings to help to save our planet. We don't have a choice in this matter and our community cannot afford to waste valuable resources on a concrete building that at its prime was never cost effective to operate. Buildings have to be 'Green' to save our planet."
- "It's an eyesore, badly designed, cold, lacks character, not easily accessed, unsafe to be alone at night. Those that want it to be a heritage site, should be made to live in Cumbernauld"
- Although the town centre had architectural interest when built, I don't consider it to be the case now. There are many documents, documentaries and information out there to satisfy interest. But as a rundown shell of its previous self, it is hardly recognisable to the building it once was.



- I don't think it is a special architectural building, having grew up with the town centre in the late 60s, 70s, 80s to the present it has changed so much and not for the best. the old town centre just looks like a rundown building and on either side of the of the old town centre you have the two new parts to the town centre, and as I understand it the Antonine centre and the old town centre have nothing to do with each other so if true we have two centres, gets confusing.
- "It's horrible. It's not aesthetically pleasing nor practical. If it's of special interest move it elsewhere. Give someone else the pleasure of living with it! Visitors to Cumbernauld have really bad impressions of the place. There was a reason Cumbernauld had such a bad reputation for its architecture and voted the worst town in the country. I don't want people who live outside of Cumbernauld make a pronouncement on something they don't need to live with. Although I live in Cumbernauld the current centre is so depressing, I currently choose to take my business elsewhere and shop out of town."
- I am aware of the history of the building. However that does not mean it should remain, there have been many historic and lovely buildings in the past in Glasgow that have been demolished by councils. This is definitely one to remove - no visitors or tourists would think wow or even know the history of the building. In fact, you would now know that was a Town Centre - for me it is an eye sore.
- "The building may represent a style within a period to students of architecture, however there is enough pictures and other footage to preserve the memory. However, a concern would be to understand the proposed replacement as the phases added on are not in themselves attractive and functional for this modern time. Cumbernauld has lost the battle for a centre with busy retail park that contain retail outlets that could have stimulated activity. For me the idea of a town centre is lost. An improved location with good social benefits is preferred along with improved facilities in the region i.e., Abrohill shopping centre needs more urgent replacement, concordat Main Street, Cumbernauld village Main Street and Kilsyth main street are all in need of attention to improve the wellbeing of the people living in Cumbernauld and Kilsyth."
- It is a monstrous and outdated structure
- It's a mess and the internal space is ridiculously unusable. Please knock it down and start again.
- "While at the time of the centre opening it was considered novel, and as a young resident at that time most Cumbernauld people were proud of the development indeed in its heyday the centre received international awards. Nowadays it has fallen into disrepair and has become an eyesore. I believe most residents would welcome a more improved and modern town centre. It would most unfair if this type of development was to be curtailed in any way by keeping the original structure in place to please a minority of people some of whom will not live in Cumbernauld.
- If this building has to have any special architectural interest, then a smaller replica will have to be reconstructed in a more suitable setting"
- This building is an eye sore and has come to represent all that is negative about Cumbernauld. Cumbernauld is in vast need of a major refurbishment - this is required to create economic opportunities and increase the wellbeing of the families and people who live here. If parts of the Town Centre are designated as of special architectural



interest and unable to be knocked down, then Cumbernauld will retain its reputation as a laughingstock and will not get the investment required to change people's lives.

- Always thought it looked forced and industrial
- There are other examples of this building available. This should be functional as a benefit to the community, not to some architectural society
- It's an eyesore; leaks; depressing; outdated facilities; not a place you feel safe in etc.
- Its ugly. Not user friendly. Not easily used for people with a disability.
- The Town Centre is an absolute disgrace, this building needs to be demolished, it's depressing to look at.
- Cumbernauld town centre is an eye sore, it's grey and depressing and the people of Cumbernauld deserve a modern, bright, functional, and beautiful civic space, not the carbundle that we currently have.
- Brutalist architecture, the people of Cumbernauld need a decent town centre not listed buildings.
- This building has become an eyesore and no longer represents the more modern Cumbernauld. Because of this monstrosity Cumbernauld became the laughingstock of the west of Scotland. That is unfair! It needs to be demolished and made an attractive place to shop, eat and relax!
- It is in complete disrepair. No one is prepared to maintain it and best to be removed
- It is an utter eyesore and makes us a laughingstock amongst other towns in North Lanarkshire. Whoever designed this must have been mad
- There's no denying that Cumbernauld's architecture is unique. The town centre is the heart of that town, but I strongly believe that in a modern age are purpose. The strong brutalist architecture is more than represented within the rest of the town. It is about time the people of Cumbernauld be brought in in the modern age, with a town centre that suits their needs and future generations.
- The building is an eyesore it dominates the town centre for the wrong reasons. Cumbernauld has increased in population and needs a more efficient town centre to meet the needs of all. The building needs demolished.
- It's a bomb site
- Any architectural interest can be observed through records and pictures of the building it does not require it to remain in situ.
- It's already been changed far too much and doesn't meet the needs of the community.
- This building is an eyesore, and you only have to walk through to see how Cumbernauld residents view it. It is an empty shell
- It has been left to rot, not been looked after properly and the area round it needs to be updated to attract people for other districts
- The building is a wreck I has more leaks than a sprinkler. There is no aesthetics about the entire complex.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld & Blanton for 45years it was an eyesore then as it is now.
- It's an eyesore let's be honest however it's basically all we have available for those who can't travel
- I am slightly biased in my father was one of the original architects working on the design and structure of the town centre. However, he was disappointed to see that the town centre never grew or expanded its growth as per the original designs. It was never meant to stay as the original but to evolve. He would most definitely not want it kept as



it is not now fit for purpose and has not been looked after sufficiently to be a monument or a historic building

- I appreciate that the design of the town centre has historical significance regarding the brutalist era of architecture, but I believe the town centre has fallen into a level of disrepair which negates any architectural significance it once had.
- The building is ugly and does not and never will serve the needs of the community, even if there is extensive refurbishment carried out. It is awkward to use because of the different levels and is not well maintained.
- It is a hideous monstrosity and should have been demolished years ago. There have been leaks in the roof on the library level for at least 25 years - buckets are used to catch the leaks - pathetic.
- This is an ugly, crumbling non-functional building which does not meet the needs of the people and businesses of Cumbernauld
- It looks like a child designed it out of empty egg boxes and washing up bottles. Being different is not always special or interesting.
- "Having lived in Cumbernauld for more than 30 years, the building has always been a disfunctional eyesore.
Empty shops everywhere, places that haven't seen any pedestrian for years, it's in disrepair."
- I agree that it is of architectural interest. However, it is not special architectural interest and frankly is an eyesore that is long past being fit for purpose. Moreover, its site slap bang in the centre in the town means that public utility and practicality must take precedence over some vague notion of architectural interest.
- I fail to understand why something that has the appearance of a disused cement factory would be something anyone would want to preserve. I also believe the people of Cumbernauld deserve a sleek modern fit-for-purpose town centre in which people will happily congregate and socialise, with traffic-free green outdoor spaces, coffee shops and amenities. To preserve any of the old town centre means the townsfolk will have a constant reminder of the monstrosity they had as a town centre and ruin the lines of its replacement. I recognise that deciding whether to preserve it has little to do with those who will have to look at it but perhaps it should. After all, community pride and community mental welfare go hand-in-hand. By preserving it, or part of it, you would be forcing local people to continue to look at what the vast majority consider to be a hideous carbuncle right in the middle of what ought to be a beautiful town centre.
- Copcutt's design was interesting. The Town Centre worked well until the economic decline of the 80s. Unfortunately, the parts I liked best have been demolished.
- It has become a white elephant and serves no purpose for the people of Cumbernauld
- It is an eyesore.
- After years of neglect the space is an eye sore. The buildings do not flow and is not a good space to visit
- It's hideous. How can we be expected to use the facilities in there when it's such an eyesore? It's quite embarrassing to be ashamed of your town centre.
- It's an eyesore
- Architectural disaster. It is not serving its purpose well and depending on where you need to go in the town centre can be quite a scary and lonely place. It leaks, not warm, not welcoming. You can feel the temperature change from old part when entering the



newest addition. The historical aspect is a joke to the people that live here and have to use it. If nothing is done, we will even lose what shops are there and it will just become even more of an eyesore as it crumbles away.

- As well as being an eyesore the building is not fit for purpose. There are many unlet units in the building and due to the design, it is a rabbit Warren when trying to navigate round the building.
- It's so ugly. There is nothing attractive about it. It's such an eyesore on the landscape
- The building is an eyesore that isn't for purpose. Each time I have visited the town centre I have seen water leaking in the building and believe the layout to be unfriendly for all visitors, especially those with prams or wheelchair users. Investment into the town centre should be made and the opinions of those who live there and use the building should be counted above those who have never set foot inside it.
- While I appreciate that when it was built, the town centre was a ground-breaking structure, today it's more like a concrete mess.
- It needs revamped completely
- "It's unworkable for anyone with Mobility or disability issues and not fit for Purpose"
- It's not fit for purpose anymore and the people of Cumbernauld deserve something that they can be proud of
- I understand that in its day it was ground-breaking, but it's not an eyesore and in a terrible state of disrepair
- "Town Centre is no longer fit for purpose for the needs of local people. No longer a pleasurable or useful place to shop etc for local people."
- it's an unwelcoming concrete eyesore that is not a good example of that era's architecture. it's a dated rabbit warren and the town deserves better
- It's awful
- The town centre building is old. The roof leaks everywhere even inside the shops. On rainy days the inside of the town centre is a nightmare with buckets and signs everywhere to let users know there is water everywhere. It's old and past its usage as a town centre. It's an eyesore needs knocked down
- "As existing the Town Centre is a monument to the muddled thinking behind the then architecturally fashionable concept of Megastructures. Its current incoherent appearance is the result of the changes in function required of a long-lasting structure."
- Building is no longer fit for purpose. It is a monstrosity. It is not appealing to people outside of the area. Cumbernauld is a large town and should attract many shoppers (Look at Livingston for example). I visit Cumbernauld every 2 weeks to see family and do use the town centre. If I didn't come from Cumbernauld and have the family connection, I certainly wouldn't go out of my way to use it.
- It's an eye sore the old part of the college is the only interesting bit.
- Design has not lasted test of time. Not fit for Scotland's severe weather. Repairs are constant and not safe and costing huge amounts of money that could be used to provide services for people of Cumbernauld an eyesore and not fit for purpose.
- In theory it was a great idea to have everything under 1 roof but it's a really ugly building and is now very dated inside



- Lived in Cumbernauld for 54 years it was an eyesore 40 years ago and it still is if not worst
- Society has changed
- "I came to live in Kilsyth in 1988, I have always found the building to be a blight on Cumbernauld. The outside of the buildings is pretty shapeless and in my opinion ugly. I can understand why we list buildings that have added to our history and culture, but I think that should we start to list such ugly and unappealing buildings such as these we will be driving away tourists not attracting them. The inside of the buildings is not much better with levels and sub levels which was at least as far as I was concerned very difficult to find your way about
I think that you will have ascertained by now that I would be against such a listing."
- It's NOT fit for purpose
- The buildings are just an eyesore. There is nothing of architectural interest about any of it - it is quite an ugly structure.
- "Absolute eyesore, not fit for purpose. No design features whatsoever apart from a carbuncle.
And it's one that title more than once"
- This building has failed to move with the times and does nothing to regenerate the town. To me it's embarrassing and a laughingstock to Cumbernauld.
- It was exciting at first to see shape, but it was not practical there were lots of areas that rain could get in it was very draughty. Lifts to upper floors were inadequate and as far as I know most of the apartments were never lived in. I think now we are in 21st century we should have modern building fit for purpose
- Lived in Cumbernauld for 45 years and always thought the town centre was an eyesore and years behind other New Town facilities.
- Even if it was it's an eye soar an doesn't look like a protected heritage place. You would need to do some modernising which if you're doing that why not let go and build something for this generation to be proud of.
- I have never met anyone who lives in Cumbernauld who likes or approves of the town centre whereas East Kilbride were given a lovely shopping centre with good shops.
- It's extremely ugly and not fit for purpose. To make it listed would only benefit those who don't have to live in Cumbernauld and don't have to look at it or use it on a regular basis.
- It's no longer fit for purpose. It's an eyesore and an embarrassment.
- "This building is considered to be of merit by specialists as an example of brutalist architecture. I think history has shown that this style looked impressive on the design table but in reality, was poorly constructed and did not enhance the environment of the people who lived there. The Cumbernauld town centre is a series of difficult to maintain concrete boxes with a peculiar "train-carriage" addition in mid-air. It is extremely ugly and off-putting as a first impression of the town and creates a depressing vista for residents who have to use the town centre. Cumbernauld badly needs a town centre that is fit for purpose and helps the town to thrive, not an ugly historical artefact that drags it down. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better.
There will be ample historical evidence of its existence in term of design plans and photographs and videos. There will be evidence of the architectural awards it won, including the Plook on the Plinth Award: winner 2001, 2005 and shortlisted 2000, 2015."



- It is one of those buildings that architects rave about—architects that never have to use, work in it, shop in it or have anything to do with it other than a casual site visit to admire it from afar.
- It is old, leaking and parts of it are cold dingy and unsafe with very undesirable areas. Is this the reason the whole place is locked at night. Half of the shops smell da. P because of the water leakage.
- I strongly disagree with it being of Architectural interest, unless of course you use Cumbernauld Town Centre as an example of what never to do in the future. The reason I write this is because, if it was of special importance, it would all still be in use. So many parts of the Centre are closed off as unsafe to be in. If people liked the Centre it would have continued to be used. Architect work with drawing and photos etc. If demolished the history in architectural terms will not disappear. The drawings and photos will never disappear. I am shocked that anyone wants to keep a building that I personally feel uncomfortable to walk about in when it's dark. I can't believe the people that wish to keep this feel that a lump of ugly concrete is more important than the safety of humans.
- It may have been the first example of its kind, or a particularly notable example, but that does not make it a good example. I moved to Cumbernauld 18 months ago with my young family. The older part of the centre has exceptionally poor accessibility from the underground car park and numerous obvious maintenance issues. It is an absolute warren. We frequently visit the library which requires carrying a buggy up a flight of steps then waiting forever for the one working lift, from there it's a walk along a shabby corridor full of dripping ceilings, the drops collecting into slowly greying plastic containers. It's a miserable, ill-designed place.
- The people of Cumbernauld including myself have always considered it an eyesore and many times over the years asked for it to be demolished and built in a better way
- It's no longer get fit fur purpose. It's an eye sore and needs replaced
- I was brought up in Cumbernauld and the town centre in its day was remarkable. However, it has not moved with the times and although I no longer live there I believe the people of Cumbernauld deserve a modern and better functioning town centre, I lived and worked in Birmingham for years and saw the old library pulled down. The new one is fantastic and is much more in keeping with the modern surroundings of the city. The ground around the old building has been developed and it looks great.
- Time, we had a decent town centre fit for modern shopping and amenities
- It's an eyesore and, in my personal opinion, a hazard. I'm almost 50 and remember it in better times which is sad but it's time for it to come down. The town centre is in dire need of some very long overdue attention.
- It is embarrassing to anyone who lives here. While I have got used to it now, new friends who visit for the first time are appalled. Quotes like "East German prison complex" spring to mind.
- The Town Centre is an eyesore of ugly unattractive buildings. The layout is difficult to navigate and consists of lots of dark unattractive walkways. Growing up in this new town the town centre was often a dangerous place to walk about in due to the long narrow ramps and danger of people jumping out at you.
- It is an unsafe ugly eyesore that only a minority of people like it
- Completely run down. Not with the times anymore. Needs to be updated
- The building has been altered so much and large area have been demolished so it lost most of its importance as structure of historical significance.



- It's an eyesore
- Utterly depressing structure - communities need light and hope... not this monstrosity.
- It has served its purpose and now requires change due to the population in Cumbernauld
- The design of the current centre failed to live up to its original promise as a hub for the New Town. This started with the failure to have a rail station making it a communication hub for the community. The clean lines of the concrete structure fail to look attractive in the climate we experience, the attempts to visually improve the first phase have failed to improve the visitor/shopper's experience.
- The building is not suitable for modern usage. The offices are hard to get to and poorly insulated. The shopping level is a maze
- It's not used.
- In my opinion the structure is an eyesore, and is not the type of building I would expect to have listed status
- It is most difficult to move around the upper floors with access restricted. There's no point to the superstructure sticking out the way it does. And so far, as I'm aware it is difficult to heat according to people I have spoken to. It just looks ridiculous.
- I am Architect. I worked for Cumbernauld Development Corporation. My first job was to enclose the Open Deck Concept that was totally unsuitable for a hill town in Scotland. It is disgusting Brutalist Architecture that has no place in a Scottish town.
- Unfortunately, it looks to me more of an eyesore.
- It's a relic of a certain era, an example of a style or movement which had much traction in the post-war years. Unfortunately, it's not a style which lends itself to adverse weather conditions such as is common in Scotland, and probably better suited to dryer, warmer climes. And it's not pretty, for want of a better word.
- It's an ugly building that is grey and depressing not modern and an eyesore
- While I accept it was innovative at the time when it was built, that in itself is not a good enough reason to preserve it.
- I think the town centre is definitely unique but not in a good way more as an example of what not to do when creating a town centre.
- It's a terrible eyesore!!!
- Since coming to live here over 30 years ago, I have always regarded the town centre buildings as something concocted with unwanted leftovers from other projects.
- The current town centre has no architectural integrity. Although the first and original phase of development was distinctive at the time, it has not been distinctive for over forty years as all of the distinctive elements of the centre were progressively removed in the 1980s, 1990s and the 2000s. All that remains is the brutalist concrete shell which was never attractive. But even the original shell of the original building has been undermined by the subsequent phases of town centre 'development'. Each of these subsequent phases of development since the 1970s have successively undermined the original building by being built in different contemporaneous architectural design and building styles over these decades. The result is a total hotch potch of unimaginative and unintegrated designs. All of these make the town centre architecturally incoherent and visually risible. There is nothing of architectural merit in this hotch potch and this is compounded by the failure of the building's owners to ensure proper and equal access by the public and the owners' failure to ensure the quality of shops in the centre or the



amenity of the centre. Visually this has resulted in the centre being avoided as much as possible by local residents who have chosen to shop elsewhere. But local residents have also been shamed by this building, since it has (deservedly) been assigned the label of carbuncle more than once over the last twenty years in national competitions. Nor is the building fit for purpose given these significant failings and by the refusal of the owners to invest in any real improvement at all in the town centre. It is therefore a failed town centre which must be pulled down to make way for a completely new town centre development that will meet the needs of the people of Cumbernauld in the 21st century.

- Most folk would view the town centre as an eyesore. In its current state I'm sure it deters people from coming to Cumbernauld.
- It's an eyesore and has limited the development of the town centre to be a more cohesive and inviting facility. We have benefited from new shops, but they are dotted around based on random available land and means to shop in the town centre often involves driving from one part of the town to the other e.g. park in Tesco for food and new town centre, then have to drive to BM stores, then drive to old town centre. Too much hassle and not an environmental good option. The overall site does not look good and clearly parts are not in a good state.
- It's an ugly building no-one uses and it's an eyesore
- Never been a fan of concrete architecture, Le Corbusier should have stuck to painting. If you want to depress people, build in concrete. Badly built and leaked like a sieve.
- "The centre is an example of how NOT to design such areas. It is hideous, user unfriendly, is unsightly, and is neither fit for purpose or of any aesthetic value. It would be appropriate to take photographs, document and archive in order to show future architects how NOT to plan where people have to live near, use or work in. It is depressing and does not encourage you to spend any time in it. There are so many places that genuinely need preserved, people like me who actually live here want a revitalised area that will be pleasant to be in and attract businesses and job opportunities.

It is so poorly built there are constant leaks in bad weather. This hideous mess needs removed for the sake of people who live here, not kept at the request of people who probably don't have to live here. Absurd."

- I am not an architect or someone who knows much about it, but I think the main part of the centre should remain and be redeveloped. The town has changed so much recently and a lot of its landmarks which made it recognisable are gone in particular Stuart house and I feel the history of the town is being destroyed without any nod to its recent history and will just end up like any other nondescript town.
- "Known by Architects throughout the world.
Design ensures safety for families and young children also within walking distance from majority of original houses"
- The building is of special interest due to the fact it's a design of the time. I believe it should be adapted and used as a restaurant or some other kind of community resource. The outside of the building should be upgraded to make it look more appealing.
- It's unique and 'put the town on the map'!
- It was the first of its kind in Europe. While not ageing well, the concept and idea of a new utopia, should not be demolished and thrown away. Future generations should be able to see what the concept was. If we remove it from the face of the earth, then



people that lost more so the new town can be built. Their losses and sacrifices in their way of life at that time, counts for nought.

- "The megastructure is an integral part of the planning and design of the town. It is a unique example of a built town centre which housed commercial, recreational, and civic facilities.
It was a bold piece of architecture and embodies the vision of the time.
Cumbernauld was a modern model of a new town with high density neighbourhoods clustered around the town centre. This allowed people to easily walk or drive to the facilities.
It is unfortunate that the building was never fully realised, and parts have been demolished. The brave building is swamped by drab retail sheds.
It would great to see the structure saved as part of the redevelopment of the town. In the Chanel 4 series on demolition, they proposed saving the structure."
- Iconic architectural structure from the Brutalist era. It's in architectural books all over the world as an example of town planning from this period.
- This is a unique structure in Scotland that has suffered through lack of proper investment.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld for 50 years + I think it just this building is what Cumbernauld what the design of Cumbernauld was all about when it was built. Style and different from the regular boring towns.
- I think it is pretty much unique in Scotland in terms of its original Scope
- Its original function of an enclosed multi-functional Town Centre, accessible to the whole of Cumbernauld and beyond using public transport could not be more relevant.
- It is unique, it should be publicly owned
- Cumbernauld as originally designed & constructed is unique in its architectural ambition & delivery. Whilst substantial altered since, there remains sufficient built form both internally & externally to merit special designation of listing. However, consideration of future renovations should try and address the failings of the approach in a place-based way, to improve perceptions of safety, pedestrian access and quality of environment.
- unique solidly built structure
- There is no other building like this, and it is very much the centre of the vision for the "new town" that was Cumbernauld.
- Having lived in Cumbernauld for almost fifty years, the Town Centre is a unique landmark, showing great imagination and skills that were present at the time of conception.
- It is a unique design built to illustrate a modern community as seen in the 60s and 70s
- This is the only standing megastructure in the UK
- Absolute dump. Badly designed and needs demolished.
- Nothing of interest about the building whatsoever, it is an eyesore.
- It's a mess
- "Whilst it is an example of brutalised architecture it has seen altered to an extent that the value of the building as a historical example is lost.
It is at present an eye sore and provided very little of the benefit that it was intended to when first constructed."
- Cumbernauld town centre is an eyesore, never mind the inside. Mouldy ceilings, buckets full of water left right and centre!



- "It's an eyesore. Brutalist architecture can be brilliant, beautiful and of great historic value. But this should not come at the detriment of the local facilities and environment. The town centre is not fit for purpose. It's dilapidated and frankly. An eyesore. Tear it down!"
- Complete eyesore
- Absolutely no architectural interest at all. It is a blight on the centre of Cumbernauld, especially considering its current condition.
- It is an eyesore in the town centre and lowers the reputation of Cumbernauld as a whole
- The place is an absolute eyesore and should be demolished.
- There is nothing to recommend the current Town Centre buildings. They are an eyesore which always look rundown. The bus area particularly is dirty and unsafe. There is no reason why tourists or people from other parts of North Lanarkshire would come to see it or shop there even if it was a listed building. The people of Cumbernauld deserve something much better, including more choice of large shops, restaurants, and a cinema. The area, including the village, has a rich history which isn't evidenced by the dilapidated town centre and some of the council house areas.
- The centre used to be significant but years of neglect and modifications to the original plans have resulted in it just being a leaky, hard to navigate, mess of a structure. The central portion of it has large sections which have been uninhabited for many years, leaks, poor access and lighting
- The structure is not only an eyesore, but it is no longer fit for purpose. It has many dark spaces, is quiet and unused in places and is not viewed as a safe space. It does not provide the facilities needed in a modern new town and takes up space that could be much better used. It does not provide a central civic space and is seen by most residents as a monstrosity. I have never looked at it with pride, never thought "what a great building" and never seen it as somewhere to be proud of. The people of our town are good, kind, caring people who deserve better.
- It is ugly and appears to have been added to and amended, repainted and has appeared neglected in terms of upkeep over the years. Its original structure is difficult to determine amongst the tangle of buildings
- I feel that any special interest it home would purely be in the niche of the architectural profession and not to the community, or country, as a whole. There are so many parts of the building now missing which were core to the original plan (e.g. the Eagle Lodge, the Woolco / original Asda block, most of the south face) that it has become irrelevant. Its theory can still be studied.
- It's a huge eye sore on the community. It has no purpose in being there other than a refuge for leaks in the roof and for people getting lost.
- The shopping centre is a mess total eye sore in the town
- It has always been an eyesore and degrading to the Cumbernauld area and its reputation.
- It's a horrendous eyesore. A blight on Cumbernauld and should be redeveloped to bring us into the 21st century and to provide something to the town that is actually useful.
- I think the town centre is an eyesore in my opinion and is not fit for purpose. The centre has been long overdue a regeneration.
- It is an eyesore. The vast majority of the residents of Cumbernauld want to see it raised to the ground and replaced with a modern town centre that's fit for purpose



- "This building is an example of an attempt at urban cleansing, which was valiant, but ultimately failed.
Architectural merit is subjective, but this building has been voted the worst in Britain repeatedly. It's best to let some things go. Demolition is the only way here."
- "It is not maintained to a high enough standard to make it attractive or easy to move around
It is outdated and unsuitable for 2022"
- it is an eyesore ... don't think anyone has any interest in it.
- It's an eyesore that's in disrepair
- It's a dump, the place leaks, it looks terrible for all the local residents who pay council tax to have a sub-standard leaking unusable building filled with nothing but charity shops.
- "It's a complete eyesore that doesn't make me want to visit it unless absolutely necessary.
It is not visually appealing
It is dark, gloomy outdated, not fit for purpose
Keeping this as a listed building will mark Cumbernauld as a carbuncle always"
- Bits and pieces have been added to it over the years. There is no cohesion.
- It a maze with very poor facilities. The shops are few and far between with gaps a plenty.
It is confusing for anyone who visits. The quality of shops are poor. I've lived in Cumbernauld on and off for 50yrs and the centre is an embarrassing eyesore not fit for purpose. We deserve much better.
- It's an embarrassing eyesore on the outside and inside it's worse and in bad state of disrepair. Gloomy and shambolic, not somewhere I enjoy shopping in or visiting.
- "It's time to bring Cumbernauld Town centre into the 21st century, yes the building was great in its time but that was back in the 60s
It's now 2022 it just sits there unused when we could actually have a fully functioning centre"
- This is a New Town built using experimental construction techniques where cheap won over durability with a level of planned obsolescence when some of those techniques prove to be unsustainable, they were expected to be replaced, the Town Centre was never expected to remain static in its design or construction, unfortunately it's failure has come sooner than was probably expected, the number of people who consider this of special architectural interest are a tiny minority worldwide who do not live in this town and do not have to cope with the problems this Town Centre has, it is unfair that Cumbernauld's citizens should have to contend with living in a Architects theme park as living exhibits.
- It is a concrete monstrosity. There is no architectural skill or imagination, it is not even functional being a place where local residents won't go
- It's an architectural nightmare. Should be demolished.
- It's an eye sore and desire having lived in Cumbernauld my whole life, it holds no sentimental value to me.
- This Building was built to serve the community in the 60s and is not fit for purpose now, and whether people think it is of special interest due to it being the first indoor shopping centre is certainly not a reason to keep the building. It brings Cumbernauld down and



needs to be replaced by a centre that brings pride to the people of Cumbernauld and businesses to make it a valuable asset.

- "The structure is an eyesore and will continue to deteriorate. Preserving it in its place would be detrimental to the economic future of the town and its residents. The only architectural interest it has is an example of how not to build a town centre.
If absolutely necessary, the structure should be dismantled and moved to a site where it would not inhibit progress and be offensive to see. Alternatively photographs and plans could be put in a museum.
The need to upgrade the town centre far outweighs any architectural interest."
- "It's an absolute eyesore.
Horrendous shopping centre no decent shops empty units filled with charity shops. When it rains there's more buckets around than at the seaside. It's time it was demolished. I won't see it in my lifetime probably but at least it would be something for the up and coming families"
- The original town centre has been lost with all the additions to it or fallen down/ subsided and demolished so it has no architectural importance left.
- It may have won some awards back in the 70s, but this is by no means an architectural masterpiece. It is a horrendous eyesore on a site that needs major redevelopment. It's damp and dark no matter what time of the year. The place has so many issues within it would be cheaper to tear down and rebuild than to repair and bring back up to something worth being proud of. Please, please, please, don't list this building. Get rid of it, sooner the better.
- It was an experiment that did not succeed
- "Although at one point the building may have been considered ground-breaking and forward thinking, it is now holding back the town and is considered an embarrassment by the residents of Cumbernauld. A concrete monolith that is crumbling, leaks and smells of dampness is hardly of architectural significance.
The buildings history can be remembered and studied in documents and photographic form. It doesn't have to remain in place, slowly crumbling as a testament to a flawed architectural vision."
- It is an absolute monstrosity. I am not aware of vast numbers of people coming to Cumbernauld with the specific purpose of seeing this building of 'special architectural interest'. It is falling apart and an affront to the town.
- "This building is a physical eyesore that fails as a consequence to deliver key social & economic function. There is no architectural joy or soul to attract or delight. There is no incentive to visit.
Place making sits at the heart of current architectural & civic agenda and this fails on every count."
- Whilst the Town Centre may have been a building of interest when it was built over 60 years ago, it is just not fit for purpose anymore. The building is crumbling, neglected, utterly depressing and just doesn't work in any way, in a modern town in 2022.
- "It's of architectural interest but it is an absolute eyesore now.
It has not been well maintained and it shows!"
- "It's an eye sore, it's not old or interesting
It's a shape in the sky
It's not the Houses of Parliament building
It's not Stirling castle / Edinburgh castle/ Wallace monument"



- "The building has no architectural merits of any kind. From the day it was completed it was largely unmaintainable and continues to be so. It did not and does not fulfil its primary function as a town centre in terms of accessibility or aesthetic appearance. For example the bus station is divided North and south by a dual carriageway requiring a long and tortuous route to access one from the other."
- It is not fit for current use and certainly not fit for the future, its old fashioned and seem better days
- Has no historical significance to the local area.
- It's an eyesore inside and out. Poorly laid out and very difficult to get around. Not attractive for new retailers and not enjoyed by the population
- I do not believe there is any special architecture. It was a test which has failed miserably and there are so many dangerous walk paths along the old town centre where criminal activity could occur. It is a place that Cumbernauld people (old and new) are ashamed of.
- It was built for its time, but has not been properly maintained either by the council or private landlord and is no longer fit for purpose
- It is vastly dated, and half of the original building is missing due to some reconstruction and is an eyesore of a building. The complete town centre needs to be flattened and a modern and attractive replacement put in its place, then maybe we can have a town centre to be proud of and the jokes will come to an end.
- It may once have been, but it has been altered so much it's lost its integrity
- "It's an eye sore and monstrosity of a building with little benefit to the wider community.
The space would be better being repurposed for a wider use for the next generation of residences here and put a positive spin on the already negative view people have of the area"
- The town centre has been an eye sore for many years. Having lived in Cumbernauld for 37 years, I have watched the centre deteriorate over the years. It's sad. There's nothing bringing people to Cumbernauld. It's embarrassing. Thanks also work in Cornerstone House and can see every day that there's nothing for the local community there. Give the people of Cumbernauld to be proud of instead of being the laughing joke of North Lanarkshire
- I think the building is undoubtedly of historic importance. However, years of neglect, adaptation and short-sighted "modernisation" have left it in poor condition with little resemblance to the original. Whilst an important building, a town centre must, by its nature, be a functional and useful space for the people who use it, along with being desirable as a destination. The ideology behind the existing town centre was sound, but society has changed, and residents and visitors deserve better.
- Passed its best, hasn't aged well, not suitable for any of its purposes,
- I really do not feel any architecture value or interest in the Cumbernauld Town Centre. It is an eyesore and the area could drastically be improved. The building is date and not environmentally friendly to run and operate.
- Think it should be pulled down for the town to move on from the time warp it is in
- Just an absolute eye sore.
- No one shops there. It is an eyesore.



- The building is an eyesore and not fit for purpose in the 21st century. Every time it rains you have to navigate your way around numerous buckets collecting leaks all over the centre. It is no wonder the centre has won the Carbuncle Award so many times. A town the size of Cumbernauld deserves a town centre which is designed to meet the needs of the people of the town and the times we are living in. I don't believe it deserves the title of special architectural interest.
- It's a total eyesore and a drain on local resources. It's an embarrassment to take any friends or family there. Always dodging buckets catching water, avoiding corridors which are smelly.
- It's an example of how structures shouldn't be built.
- I believe the centre is a hotch-potch of pathways, blocked off mazes, and serves no benefit as it currently stands
- I find it an eyesore to look at and a nightmare to navigate inside it.
- It is the perfect example of poor architecture and as such should not be designated as special in any way
- Ugly building that should be flattened.
- The building is crude and ugly with negligible architectural merit. It is not fit for purpose. The building should be the subject of retention of photographic record only and demolished.
- It is unsightly and does not prove any architectural genius. It is also not fit for purpose to the people of Cumbernauld
- Perhaps if the upkeep of the building had been met, I would have said otherwise, but unfortunately it now lies in disrepair and is an immediate eyesore as you enter the heart of Cumbernauld
- this is a horrible looking building; it is not one of historical value
- The building has been altered dramatically from its original build.
- The building is there to be of use to the people of Cumbernauld. We need a safe, sound building, neither of which we have now.
- It would be in Cumbernauld's best interest to demolish the building. A lick of paint does not and will not make the town centre better. It needs updated
- "The building is an impractical and sometimes hostile environment to have to be in. There are times that, particularly in an evening I would not go near the place. The design has numerous hidden corners. It is poorly built and maintained with buckets to catch leaks constantly located throughout.
Its prime purpose has ceased to be fulfilled, particularly the bus station area, which feels truly unwelcoming. I would never use the bus station day or night if avoidable. We urgently need a clean, practical, safe and maintainable facility in the town."
- It was famous at the time and won awards. Now its famous for being ugly.
- Architectural embarrassment
- It's a horrible eyesore of a building. It is definitely a reason why people avoid and spend their money elsewhere EG. Glasgow Fort and the forge shopping centre.
- I am not a specialist in architecture.
- Functionally the building does not work. Since its construction it has evolved to such an extent that it is now a random, confusing, disjointed eyesore inside and out. There are so many 'dead' spaces inside the property and outside and beneath is very unwelcoming



and at times intimidating. In short, going there is, without exception, a very negative experience.

- It's a disgusting, depressing lump of concrete. There are absolutely beautiful buildings which are being allowed to rot and decay in Glasgow City centre which should be listed and preserved but aren't. There are also older buildings in both Condorrat and Cumbernauld villages which should be saved at all costs. But the town centre!!!! Absolutely not. Nothing could possibly be done to this building to make it seem welcoming and inviting. Anyone who believes this should be preserved should be made dismantle it brick by brick and rebuild it in their town or city if they are that keen on it because Cumbernauld doesn't want it.
- It is an eyesore which would be difficult to alter to meet modern needs if listed. Indeed, I do not believe it met its original needs in a sensible manner. It has no architectural merit other than an example of experimental architecture gone wrong. It may have initially been lauded but then so were the emperor's new clothes and they were also only an illusion of grandeur.
- Knock it down and build Cumbernauld a functional town centre that will encourage commerce into the town
- The building has always been an eyesore and it has never been in good condition. The people of Cumbernauld would prefer the building to be ripped down.
- It is not fit for purpose anymore, it's disjointed, we can't attract 'big name' stores to the town due to the building infrastructure and mish mash of footfall, and locally the town centre is referred to as 'the old town centre', 'the new town centre' and 'the new new town centre' to identify which side/part being referred to. The 'old town centre' whilst at one point in its history was seen as cutting edge, is no longer and has no aesthetic or practicality of use to be deemed to be feasible to be kept.
- "This town centre has been the subject of bad jokes and won the town awards of being the worst town centre. It's time to move on and give the residents a town centre to be proud of.
I frequently go to other towns for shopping to enable me to get what I need.
I would however say I am very pleased that we have the new retail park, however this has not been maintained to the standard it deserves. The litter problem is a disgrace, and loose paving slabs."
- It's been an eyesore for years. No particular reason to keep for architecture purpose. There is nothing special about the building if anything it's an unaffordable structure that makes the town a laughingstock and drives away new businesses.
- I find it extremely difficult to imagine any aspect of this building as anything other than an eyesore.
- I think any building should be aesthetically pleasing and suitable for purpose. Cumbernauld Town Centre is neither. Many areas are dark and threatening not to mention inaccessible in the evening.
- The building has been extended and altered many times over the years which has detracted from the original design and purpose
- The building is an eyesore and should be demolished as soon as practicable.
- The site looks ghastly and unwelcoming
- It's of interest because of the unique design and all it meant to people, but that should be recorded before its knocked down and rebuilt as something useful.
- Keeps the town in the dark ages and does not bring anything to the town except ridicule



- "While at the time of construction, this building was recognised as significant, the building has not been adequately maintained and so now of no significance.
The building has also been changed and adapted over time.
The building is no longer fit for purpose."
- The Town centre is a disgrace it needs to go
- I'm sorry to say the building is an eyesore. The internal layout is very haphazard and externally it looks old and ugly. We have a wonderful opportunity to modernise our town and invite new businesses to help us thrive. Cumbernauld has so much potential, and it would be lovely to see some forward thinking on this.
- The town centre is a failed project. The amount of people that would prefer to drive to other locations for a decent shopping centre is deplorable! The size of Cumbernauld would suggest we should have a decent shopping centre, one which would attract people and investors. The current set up is encouraging charity shops, pound shops and people collecting for charity.
- Eyesore - worst architectural building ever.
- Having worked and shopped in this building I have always found it difficult to find my way around. It's always cold, especially the old original part and smells damp. It has no appeal feel always ducking and diving to find way around. Always preferred shopping in other towns with nicer more practical shopping.
- It is special but only as an example of flawed Modernist architecture. As far as I know, the architect, Geoffrey Copcutt, did not carry out any further significant projects as he wandered the world in despair. The design may have obtained acclaim in some international journals but to locals it always was a white elephant. When I was asked to address its problems as an architect, I had to work with the Building Research Establishment to address the serious fire escape and control systems problems, and close in shopping malls which suffered from being exposed to wet and windy Cumbernauld.
- "It is a particularly bad example of the architecture of its day.
It looks like a children's drawing of a futuristic building and there was no thought into its maintenance and access.
It is a concrete jungle (now painted a strong blue to hide the stains from overflow and broken pipes).
There is nothing about this structure that students could learn about architecture other than how not to do it. I can't see why anyone would be interested in visiting the town to see it.
In my opinion the only people who will want to see it listed are those who don't live here, and/or don't have the upkeep (or lack of) of it.
It is holding Cumbernauld back - it makes the town look poor."
- I strongly disagree that Cumbernauld town centre is of any special architectural interest. I have grown up in Cumbernauld and the town centre is an eyesore. It is embarrassing and brings absolutely no value/service to the community or its residents. The current Cumbernauld town centre should be demolished, and a more modern/convenient design should be built in its place that benefits the residents of Cumbernauld and brings more shops/services that benefit the local economy. A large proportion of the Cumbernauld town centre is currently inhabitable, and brands/shops do not want to be associated with it, this is of massive detriment to the Cumbernauld residents and local economy.



- It's an eyesore needs pulled down and rebuilt no longer fit for purpose.
- An eyesore and brings down the town
- It's an eyesore. We won carbuncle of the year twice. Horrible to look at.
- It's not, it's an absolute eyesore where most of the town centre is wasted space. It needs tore down with a redesign where it can be used to make the lives of the people of Cumbernauld people more positive with proper shops and facilities to suit a large town.
- The building is an eyesore and is an example of bad design The people of Cumbernauld should not be forced to look at it any longer. Preserve it by taking it away somewhere if you need to. It can be videoed and photograph for posterity if necessary
- Poorly planned and constructed. Not user friendly. More of a planners dream and a users' nightmare.
- It is a unique town centre and when it was built it had many different uses, however as time has gone on there are many empty and dilapidated parts of the town centre, parts that are inaccessible and unused. It's time for this structure to be demolished and something more useful put in its place.
- It's an eyesore that has already been butchered beyond the original design.
- I personally see it as a sign of depression. There has been no growth within the community, and this shows it, Cumbernauld is still living in the past. It is an eyesore, and no amount of paint can cover that
- It is no longer fit for purpose. Looking at Livingston shopping centre it is more inviting and draws the appropriate retailers to the area.
- The centre is a mess. It should be pulled down and start again
- I am unsure if the architecture typifies a specific style or a design that is significant (or will become significant in the future) in the history of architecture
- There is some very niche academic interest I suppose from the perspective of the history of town planning, but surely the interests/needs of the wider community who actually need to live with and use this building vastly outweigh these considerations. I believe technology could be used to document all aspects of the building for future reference/study if required, e.g., VR walkthroughs. There is no need to retain this building simply for its very slight interest to a small number of niche academics.
- It's an eyesore, well past its sell by date,
- This type of brutalist architecture is common across Scotland, sadly. The town centre lacks light, joy and convenience making it an unhappy place to shop, work or eat in. Cumbernauld residents deserve a better environment for their shopping and leisure activities
- While I would like to see the Town Centre retained it is in poor condition and sine of its features are already lost. If it is retained, it will need love and care to restore it
- "It is a monstrosity of a building that is totally outdated and rotten throughout and is designed with many different flaws and is very expensive to maintain Most important thing is that it's not a pleasant place to walk around so not practical"
- This structure is extremely outdated and irrelevant in terms of our town's future requirements. The past is a place of reference not of residence.
- Whilst the original concept was revolutionary at the time, Cumbernauld town centre has not withstood the effects of time well, and the remaining buildings now offer little if any positive contribution to the townscape or urban realm of Cumbernauld. There are many



other examples of good modernist architecture in Cumbernauld that are much more worthy of preservation - for example the college building, our lady's high school and St Mungo's Church. These buildings all provide a positive contribution to the town both architecturally and through their uses. Sadly, Cumbernauld town centre is now a negative feature of the community and has a negative impact on sense of place in the town. It is also a barrier to pedestrian accessibility and safe movements between facilities.

- It is hideous outdated and not fit for purpose
- It is one example of that particular form.
- The centre is an eyesore! It is certainly not what I would consider architecture worthy of protecting. Buildings such as those you see in our major cities are proper architecture! Possibly keep the shopping areas and demolish the other in parts.
- "It is not well designed. It is not suitable for purpose and not so special that it should be preserved.
It is an ugly eyesore that should be removed."
- It never fulfilled the expectations as a Town centre. It was uninviting because it was dull and draughty.
- It's an eyesore and looks badly maintained.
- I can understand professional people (architects, artists etc) having an interest in preserving the megastructure as it is an example of innovative design. However, it does not successfully fulfil its raison d'être as a functioning town centre. It is an ugly & depressing place to be & the needs of Cumbernauld's residents, for a serviceable town centre, should not be sacrificed to maintain what some seem to believe is an architectural icon.
- This building is filthy. An eyesore. [REDACTED]. Extremely embarrassing. It's well past its time. No one wants to shop in it
- It's a crumbling eyesore, the residents of the town deserve better.
- The structure is an eyesore and embarrassment to Cumbernauld and its residents. It is not fit for purpose. I am even embarrassed to tell people I live in Cumbernauld as they usually think of people living near this structure. The structure is also an embarrassment nationally and internationally.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is of no benefit to the residents of the town to be seen of special architectural interest. I feel it hinders the future development of the town centre. It is basically a concrete monstrosity.
- Outdated, not fit for purpose. Encourages people to shop and visit Glasgow City Centre as opposed to shop locally.
- Architectural peculiarity, as is this case with this building, should not take precedent over the functionality and designated/intended purpose of the site. As a town centre for use of and benefit of the Cumbernauld community, the functional design and practical amenities are much more important than the preservation of a structure that has - for decades! - been the subject of ridicule both in appearance and lack of appropriate and evolving facilities that do benefit the people of Cumbernauld.
- It is an eyesore that is holding the town back. Utterly depressing and a blight on the town. It needs to go asap.
- The only 'special interest' is of how ugly a building can be and how misguided architects can be in believing that people will actually be willing to tolerate such an eyesore.



- It is an eyesore. As an art teacher, I am aware that this belongs to the Brutalist art movement, however, there are plenty of other Brutalist architectural sites already available in less prominent areas. I believe it is important that we replace this hideous building with something aesthetically pleasing that the community can be proud of. Being surrounded by ugly buildings can be detrimental to mental health.
- "The building is an eyesore and serves no use at all.
Lifts constantly not working and the way it is designed the access for people with disabilities struggle with
Too much wasted space and no interest from businesses to relocate there"
- Total eyesore
- "It was an interesting experiment of the time, but a gross failure. An eyesore, a rotting mass of environmentally unfriendly degrading concrete, an international embarrassment to anyone who lives here (and I live with five miles).
The 'Plook on the Plinth' prize is not awarded lightly.
I'd love to see another new and exciting building here, but this pile of brutalist garbage is in the way.
The features can be retained digitally in high resolution 3D these days, for the benefit of the dwindling numbers of brutalism fans and architectural historians: nothing will be lost by demolition.
But we, the people who live nearby and use these facilities daily, vote for demolition, because the buildings are unfit for purpose."
- It's a classic example of a triumph of form over function. Failure.
- The building is an eye sore
- It's an eye sore, it's always got leaks and doesn't flow properly
- It's an eyesore not fit for purpose
- It is a total disgrace and very rarely would shop there now
- "The planning and organisation of the time when it was being built is of architectural interest. The building that exists today is not. That's not even saying so because it has fallen into disrepair and needs regenerated. I'm saying it's not simply because it was an incomplete project from its founding. Funding was removed early on, it was never finished
Add to this the fact that the plan for boutique shopping units is not only unfit for the 21st century, it was outmoded from the 70s with the pursuit of big box retail.
Retain the documents the pictures, video, newspaper cuttings, planning applications but nobody who lives and works here should see any purpose in retaining the relic.
it's not even suitable for retrofitting or upgrading if the environment is your concern because the works would need to be so extensive that any carbon minimization would be negligible."
- The building is an eyesore and needs knocked down and re designed. This is not a listed building design. The bus stations were supposed to be upgraded years ago need nothing has been done.
- The TC is a cement eyesore
- I understand it's of architectural interest, but it's fallen into such a state of disrepair it's not viable to continue as any sort of commercial interest. People don't care about it. All the interlinking corridors reek of urine, if/when it disappears it won't be missed. People who live in Cumbernauld have grown to hate this building; it stands as symbol of all



that's wrong with the town. Any action short of tearing this abomination to the ground is of a great disservice to the people of Cumbernauld. You'll be condemning us to another 50 years of appearing in the Carbuncle award. Please please please tear it down. Signed Cumbernauld resident of 38 years

- A cumbersome and confusing hotch potch of architectural ideas.
- It was of its time.
- "It is awful and does not give the residents a facility they can use and is not a community hub.

I resent non-residents and users of the centre coming in and trying to prevent the changes when they will move onto another project of "saving" buildings and not be left with the day to day reality."

- It is an eyesore
- The building has passed its best, is too small and outdated. Other centres e.g. EK are bright airy and spacious so there are multiple sites to go to instead. Wherever we go we meet others who have come from Cumbernauld to get shopping cinema sports etc etc
- For architects it may have some historical significance - as a user it has been changed altered and no longer serves the purpose for which it was created. The living spaces have been abandoned, the pubs and clubs decimated and the Golden Eagle Hotel which was the vibrant heart of the life of the structure demolished.
- It's an eyesore and not at all aesthetically pleasing
- This shopping centre has been there my whole life but I'm sure I'm not alone in saying it's an unpractical eyesore!
- This structure has been a blot on the landscape for many years it is time we got a new town centre that is appealing to many members of the public and retailers, the town is dying as many businesses close and units lie empty we urgently need an upgrade
- It is only of interest in the sense of being a cautionary tale of good intentions going badly wrong.
- The town centre has simply been left behind in the dark ages! in comparison to other new towns of a similar eras such as Livingston and East Kilbride. It is, in my opinion, not fit for purpose, time for a new approach, with better facilities.
- I appreciate that Cumbernauld Town Centre is considered to be an example of Brutalist architecture. I would argue that it presents a bleak and depressing representation of our town to any outsiders travelling through. People are aware of it winning both the Carbuncle Award and Ploek on the Plinth twice and make judgments on the whole town and its residents based on it.
- There is a reason that the town centre and in particular, the megastructure is used in case studies all over the world by students of architecture and town/urban planning. It represents the desire to do embrace change and do something different. The town centre can still live up to its original vision. It just needs a little imagination and the out-of-the-box thinking that brought it into the world in the first place.
- There is nothing special about the building. It's a shopping centre with a road through the middle. It has no uniqueness nor characteristics that could not be replicated.
- It's an eyesore so needs demolished
- I have stayed in Cumbernauld all my life, and this is an eyesore and disgrace that the council have not actually looked to sort this out before now.
- The building is an eyesore and unfit for purpose



- The building is not as originally planned and most has already been knocked down/fallen down and therefore does not represent the original architecture vision. The building as it stands is a disaster and is not of architectural significance when there are better brutalist examples elsewhere
- The building itself is rather derelict, outdated and has no place in the modern Cumbernauld community and does not fit with the general character of the surrounding area.
- The architecture is not good, buildings like this should be demolished
- It is an eyesore.
- It's hideous, outdated, & when my former employer (a building surveying practice) surveyed it, it was already showing signs of structural stress. Frankly, it's ugly, outdated, & needs to be pulled down - if it is safe to do so (it's probably riddled with asbestos)
- It's a carbuncle. Much of it is already gone and as such the historic interest is diluted massively. It looks little like the original building as it is. This is not a castle or historical structure of any interest to the public in general. It is our Town Centre which is not fit for purpose, has no heart, has had little or no investment for years except to add the Antonine Centre onto it. A very expensive sticking plaster.
- As a resident it's an absolute eye sore. Bad lightning poor access developed for a smaller community that's there now.
- It is neither beautiful nor unique. No one is going to want to replicate this building or even parts of it. Also, given its fairly recent history compared to some other buildings listed by HES there is plenty of evidence and documentation about its conception and construction (films, blueprints, interviews with architects etc.), there is no need to retain the actual building itself for those few who may be interested in its history.
- Brutalist architecture, not functional or sympathetic. It needs to be torn down and something better built in its place.
- I do think the centre is of architectural interest as it was the first integrated, multipurpose and covered shopping mall in the UK. At the time it was built it was a vision for the future of town centres.
- It's an unmitigated dump
- An iconic structure but very outdated
- Maybe 60 years ago but not now It's an eyesore.
- "It is brutality architecture, the town centre helped win Cumbernauld the pimple award which meant that it was considered an eyesore by the rest of Scotland. The building leaks, wind howls through it and very much has sick building syndrome"
- Totally unsuitable for modern day living. Displeasing to the eye whilst library and offices difficult to access. And of course there are the multiple buckets strategically placed to catch rain water. Slippery surfaces. The above two a danger to the visually impaired. No central meeting point. Driving into it and under the big tunnel is to experience a cement sermon on ugliness. Parking is also an issue if one has more than two business or medical appointments
- Not used to capacity, falling apart, not pleasant to look at
- "The building totally failed to meet the communities needs from day 1. The design has proven to be impractical for retailers, businesses and for consumers of these services. Apart from simply being ugly from the outside, the interior of the building simply does not lend itself to efficient use for retail outlets or for another form of business.



It has never been well occupied and if it becomes a listed building it will continue as a half empty white elephant - eating up resources in attempt to keep it in a reasonable state of repair, whilst performing no practical purpose in a cost-effective manner.

If someone wants to keep it as a listed building for some weird architectural value, let them pay to move it to their back yard and pay for its continued upkeep."

- Not a functional solution for a town centre. It neither looks good nor is a pleasant place to frequent
- The structure has had too many additions with poor planning and been neglected for far too long, it has become an embarrassment to the people who live here.
- In the past maybe but nowadays it's an eyesore. Other towns have way surpassed Cumbernauld on developing centres. Knock it down and start again
- While it is a marvel of architecture that architecture is not fit for purpose in the 21st century and certainly not in a modern Cumbernauld. For the town to expand and improve the work on the town centre has to be done
- The building is hideous and should be taken down and rebuilt as the label regeneration should mean make better or improve
- Initially people came to see the exciting new place. It is now a place to go to see what NOT to do
- "The current architecture is incredibly depressing and puts us off spending any more time than necessary in the town centre. We get what we need and then leave. The people of Cumbernauld and surrounding areas deserve a space that is uplifting (or at least not depressing) and this requires the demolition of the existing structure and will not be possible to the extent necessary if it is listed."
- It's a disjointed monstrosity, with no redeeming features, it was a bit novel in the 60s and 70s but has for years not functioned successfully as a Town Centre.
- "The building is and always has been a disgrace to Cumbernauld. That's the reason it got the title of,
""The Ploek on the Hill.""
I watched it being built and the sub-standard materials and workmanship proved what a dump it would end up being. Even the architect's ideas of bars and cafes on the thoroughfares within the centre were thrown out immediately by the local council, which showed the architects hadn't taken local ordinances into account.
The place is a complete shambles and the lead shower of rain comes through the roof."
- The town centre is very run down and not fit for purpose it's very poorly run as lifts and elevators are always out of order the state of the place in general is disgusting. it's a muggers paradise with all its nooks and crannies. Better off demolished.
- It won awards in its time. It deserves to be restored and preserved
- I think the building is superb containing a library and swimming pool - the shops inside were unique in their design some of them on two stories and even one entered by a long staircase(it may have had ordinary doors but hey who could resist :)) It had a bowling alley at one time (I don't know if it is still there), then the Golden Eagle hotel at the top! brilliant!
- Cumbernauld Town Centre represents the kind of Architectural ambition that remained unbuilt in many other towns across Scotland. Although altered greatly, the nucleus of the megastructure is worth preservation.
- "It's a magnificent brutalist building. A fine example of architecture from this era.



It's easy to say it's ugly and should be pulled down, but this building represents the vision of modernity at the time when new towns were being built."

- It is clearly of some interest, but that must be balanced against its usefulness, which is limited.
- It is sad that a consultation is required because it ought to have been listed long ago. Expressing the optimism of the modern movement in its post war phase, as part of Abercrombie's and Matthew's vision of new towns around Glasgow, the town centre building is one of the most significant architectural projects, if not the most significant, to have been built in Scotland in the past 100 years. It was a radical experiment, with all the risk of failures that can entail. CDC never was able to maintain it to the level required to prevent decay and dilapidation resulting in a much depreciated asset inherited by North Lanarkshire Council. The condition of the fabric, on which I am unable to comment since it has been over 30 years since I occasionally used the centre while residing in Kilsyth, should not detract from the importance of the concept and the ideology it embodies. That ideology has been subject to decades of revision and criticism. I think if the building was better explained to the public its significance may become more understood, if unlikely to be celebrated. Retention on the grounds of the negative impact of demolition on carbon dioxide release should be the presumption.
- The design at the time was revolutionary. The concept also separated pedestrian and vehicular traffic to enhance safety of the public.
- It's a very unique building that never lived up to its full potential, because of a chronic lack of investment and support from the council
- "Even as a child I recognised it as being of significance and found it to be an exciting and unusual place which became special to me and, I know, to many others also. As a resident I felt a feeling of enthrallment when using the shops, pubs, library etc as the routes to each venue were intriguing and sort of 'arty' in a variety of ways. It felt special because I knew of no other shopping centres like it...."
- It no longer looks anything like the original
- There is not one aesthetically pleasing aspect of any part of the building
- The building is horrible both inside and outside, it drags down the whole look of Cumbernauld
- The building is an eye sore and has served its purpose. The residents of Cumbernauld deserve better. The whole town would be better off with a modernisation. This will hopefully attract more varied retailers. Plan for the future not stuck in the past!
- It's a disaster. It has been awful from day one and has somehow been left to rot. It's not fit for purpose and brings nothing whatsoever to Cumbernauld. The building is falling apart, it sweats (it's true - ask one of the architects, if they dare even show their faces anywhere), it's leaking, has awful services, a terrible layout, awful shops and a ridiculous fire safety system with alarms that only sound in some parts of the building. It belongs in a remake of Dawn of the Dead.
- It is not special it is different as it has not been updated where others have been. By keeping the structure, you are stopping progress and holding back Cumbernauld as a town to attract investment and give local people jobs that are sadly lacking in this area. This means it will continue to go downhill and that will be quite a feat. Get rid of it and give the people a chance to have a future
- The building gives no cultural, social, environmental Or economic value to Cumbernauld or any surrounding areas.



- It is an absolute eyesore and not fit for the 21st Century. It brings the whole of Cumbernauld down and gives it a bad reputation.
- I think the whole town centre desperately needs a rebuild for the future generations and to bring more businesses to Cumbernauld and encourage residents to use the town centre. Right it's run down in areas and bus stops are disgrace and businesses are struggling to bring in customers and most outlets in the centre are empty.
- It is an eye sore.
- "It is not fit for purpose, an eyesore, extremely out of date and unsafe in areas which are poorly lit and extremely quiet, especially for children and as a female I do not feel safe if I am alone in some of these areas. The design is awful.
Surely with the town of Cumbernauld winning the Carbuncle Award twice, that speaks volumes. Not only does the majority of people in Cumbernauld despise it, it is mocked throughout Scotland!
It is taking up a huge area of land which could be redeveloped and bring money and jobs into the centre of Cumbernauld. At the moment rent prices are extortionate so at best we have few permanent shops and a lot of pop-up shops which take advantage of the short term of reduced rent and then shut up shop after that period.
In comparison to other town centres, it is a disgrace that a town the size of Cumbernauld is expected to put up with the sorry state of the shopping centre that we have.
I strongly feel that we have served our time having to put up with that and deserve far better for us and the future generation of Cumbernauld!"
- It's simply an absolute eyesore. This is an opportunity to modernise the town centre without hanging onto this monstrosity!
- "It needs pulled down. It's detracting from the rest of the town.
There is no reason whatsoever to keep it. The whole town is stuck in a basin of mediocrity. Most of all this eyesore."
- "Although the building was revolutionary at the time it was built the centre is no longer fit for purpose half the site is derelict and having been bought by North Lanarkshire Council it would be a significant waste of taxpayers' money to bring the building up to standard.
The EK Centre was similarly ground breaking however at least there they realised that the building wasn't fit for purpose and rebuilt accordingly."
- It is fundamentally a concrete box that is falling down. The roof leaks everywhere. Very few if any inner original features.
- "It is an ugly blight on the potentially beautiful Cumbernauld. It needs demolished.
There's no way on God's green earth that this should be saved. It's an utter eyesore. I'd even go as far as to burn any evidence of its existence once it's torn down. It's an embarrassment to the town of Cumbernauld. Nobody needs that assault on the eyes.
Ever.
I visit Cumbernauld several times a year from my homeland in the Hebrides. I have a sister located in Kildrum and my partner is from Greenfaulds so I know the place very well. And the town centre is not an inviting place to visit. I avoid it at all costs. Creepy place."
- The old part of Cumbernauld Town Centre is an eyesore and is not fit for purpose and should be demolished to allow a more modern structure to be built



- "Although the Town Centre is considered to be quite iconic of a particular era, I personally think it is rather an eyesore.
The building is dismal looking and it has been defuncted for years.
Let's not forget that it won the Carbuncle award twice for a reason..."
- The whole of the town centre is an eyesore and should be knocked to the ground asap
- I would agree that Cumbernauld Town Centre is of significant architectural interest as it was an incredibly ambitious project that was undertaken in order to reimagine what a town centre could be and how that fits in with the wider environment. I think it was one of the first megastructures or indoor shopping centres in the UK which is quite significant.
- Horrendous, ugly, difficult to navigate, depressing, grim, dual carriageway runs thru it!!!, not user friendly, concrete jungle, no greenery, dark, unsafe, brutal
- It's a mistake of architecture. It acts as [REDACTED] in Cumbernauld. If this monstrosity gets pulled down and something acceptable built in its place then Cumbernauld will seem like less of a hole.
- Cumbernauld town centre has been an eye sore for years. We need a revamp as I would rather shop in Glasgow, Stirling or Falkirk than there. It is not at all pleasant to look at. It needs to be flattened.
- Only to hold up as an example to future architects of what NOT to design
- Sorry but it's an eyesore and will stop Cumbernauld developing. I shopped there in the 1970's when it was fairly new, and it was a scary place even then. A warren of corridors and made you feel unsafe. It truly is a carbuncle and not a building you would want to preserve to show the best of 60's architecture. If it's listed. It will just lie there and decay anyway and Cumbernauld will continue to suffer.
- It's totally unsuited to the needs of the town, a complete eyesore, and a civic embarrassment. The day it's finally demolished, there will be a queue a mile long of people who'd be delighted to push the button that sets off the explosives. Most of those in the queue will be living in or nearby Cumbernauld itself. To truly hate this monstrosity of a building, you have to live in the town and see it every day. I did for 36 years and utterly despise it. To say it should be a listed building makes a mockery of the system.
- Total eyesore
- It would only be that if it was used as how to ruin a place and damage its reputation.
- It should stand as a warning to architects and planners that when an original design is then adapted, added to and mutilated it becomes the opposite of what was intended and can indeed bring down and depress those who work and use the space.
- The building is an eyesore, walking through the centre at the fly over section is scary as a woman as it is often very quiet. The centre is difficult to navigate round, and it is not an enjoyable experience. The centre is my nearest shopping centre, but I choose to only use it in emergencies as it is not an enjoyable experience.
- "Whilst it may have been revolutionary in its time, it wholly inadequate as a facility for public use, it has been a blight on the landscape of the town and has had a negative effect on the Confidence of the town for to the past 30 years
In reality it was never completed to a fully usable state and has been in decline since opening
Cumbernauld if a modern forward-looking town and deserves a hub to promote that growth, not a reminder of mistakes made."



- It is unusual and distinct however I wouldn't say this necessarily infers any great architectural value.
- It's hideous and is consistently deemed one of the worst buildings in the UK.
- It is an eyesore and could be used in a much more beneficial and productive way to help the community of Cumbernauld. It is also falling apart and if not already will soon be structurally unsound.
- This building is an eyesore, and it is completely useless in a modern day context. Listing it would go against the day to day wishes of the majority of people who use it.
- The building is an eyesore and humiliating for the people of Cumbernauld. It needs to be demolished and something rebuilt in its place to give Cumbernauld somewhere modern, current and usable as it's town centre hub. Whilst I do not live in Cumbernauld, I live very close by. As one of the largest urban areas/towns in Scotland it is disgraceful that this is what the people of Cumbernauld have to see every day. The building has looked neglected and disused for as long as I remember. Why should this continue for the people of the town?
- An eyesore, mess, disgusting, stinks
- It has & always will be an eyesore. It should have been torn down & replaced years ago. The people & town needs something fit for purpose in line with the developing town.
- "The building is unique and of merit - it was pioneering with work retail residential and leisure all in one place.
It represents a post war view of urban planning and is a historical representation of this period"
- It is of interest and is an unusual / rare architectural design but only ever seems to gain negative interest. It has often been an object of ridicule and a source of embarrassment for the town. Listed status would prevent the removal of the building and prevent redevelopment. Despite admiring the building and thinking that it should enjoy a more positive status, I feel that it remaining will prevent the town from moving forward and modernising.
- The building is an eyesore and offers no practical usage.
- It is unfit for purpose. For as long as I have lived here it has been nothing but an eyesore. No one likes it. In my 21 years in Cumbernauld we have never had a fair town centre
- While it was designed with mixed uses in mind, it is now not a practicable building to convert to modern uses and bot compatible from such varying surroundings with developments over recent decades. The building itself has no significance to locals other than an eyesore which is of no significant interest.
- I see this building as having no architectural relevance in Scotland. It's an eye sore
- It's a complete eyesore with no decent shops due to rental prices. I go to the new side only.
- The building is very run down
- The building is an eyesore.
- As I am not an architect, like the majority of the people of Cumbernauld, it would be incredibly difficult to understand the "special" quality of architecture the town centre apparently brings. But I would query the idea of special, is it truly that special? Have others continued to use this style? I fear for the future if this style was to be reused and the ugliness it brings to the future. I do not think its special, it's only a testament of bad ideas and poor design.



- It was an architectural marvel but is now a monstrosity
- When constructed, part of an ambition to bring new, different resources to the New Town. Subsequently, has become dated, poorly maintained in places and the mix of facilities is no longer aligned to the needs or style of facilities expected or required in 2022.
- It's an eyesore but more importantly it's falling apart it's just too old and out of date and should be demolished asap
- "It is an eyesore and should be ripped down.
It brings down the view of Cumbernauld and the new steps we are taking to transform Cumbernauld to modern Scotland"
- It is an eyesore but is also a design which works in 2021. The different phases are apart and don't flow well. I would go mostly to Antonine and ignore the rest, when I go into the town centre
- Why then did NLC build around it with other buildings. No architectural significance is noted within the building.
- The Town Centre does not appear to have been constructed in any particular architectural design. Parts of the original building have been removed and new bits have been bolted on, so it is now a hodgepodge of different buildings stuck together. It has been touted that the Town Centre is an example of Brutalist Architecture. I have looked at several examples of Brutalist Architecture and it does not look like a true example of Brutalist Architecture. (if it is Brutalist, it certainly is not an outstanding example)
- It is an ugly building, not fit for purpose & retaining it is preventing an improved and updated town centre being created - Cumbernauld has grown into a large major town and the town centre is a national joke - Let's take a look at Livingston and all the retail, leisure and dining opportunities provided - there is a lot of disposable income escaping from Cumbernauld to other areas
- The property has no architectural merit and is a blight of the Cumbernauld landscape
- It is widely lauded in architectural circles
- Looks old, the maintenance is poor and looks awful
- I work in the construction industry as a consultant, and I've walked through many parts of the old and new facility. The facility is an eyesore, both inside and out. Other than pretentious architects I cannot for the life of me understand how it can appeal to shoppers within and out with the Cumbernauld area. I only shop in the centre when I need to. I would rather take my trade to Stirling, Livingston or into Glasgow.
- As a first of a kind megastructure, it does carry architectural interest, but a photographic record would be enough - I cannot imagine this as a visitor attraction!
- It no longer has the innovative features that were previously present and currently doesn't function to the full capacity required for Cumbernauld and therefore I believe it should be rebuilt.
- The building and whole set up of the town centre area is outdated and does not adequately serve the community needs. A safer and more sustainable / environmentally friendly alternative should be provided for the community.
- I don't feel the construction or design warrants this
- I am unaware of architectural significance in regards to this building.
- "There are aspects. Of the building which are architecturally interesting, but only aspects.



Overall, the building is tired and very dated.

The building is not sufficiently special or unique to justify preservation."

- Town Centre may have been of interest in the 60's and 70's but not beyond that as it became an object of ridicule.
- It is incredibly ugly. I have a PhD and don't have enough or adequate words to describe how ugly it is.
- I think it is an eyesore I love to view beautiful buildings but this isn't one. It was of its time - although the materials used are certainly not attractive, nor do they appear to be particularly durable. There are buildings in Glasgow which are over 100 hundred years and they still look wonderful (and are still in daily use. I think the town centre is one of the most depressing places I have ever been. The people of Cumbernauld deserve something better. Somewhere welcoming, attractive and functional.
- It's unsightly and not fit for purpose and has many areas that feel unsafe
- It is outdated, unattractive, potentially unsafe and would probably cost an ongoing fortune to maintain. It's had its time.
- It's ugly, not fit for any purpose, way past its prime, complete disgrace and the people of Cumbernauld deserve better
- Even if won award at time of construction, its structure is ugly, out of place in the present-day neighbourhood and does not cater to needs of area. As such, I do not see that it is of any special architectural interest. Even if it is deemed to be of any special architectural interest, this can be preserved for future reference by methods other than its physical continuation, particularly in view of modern technology.
- An eyesore, falling apart should have been regenerated years ago or maintained rather than left to decay
- It's an unusual looking building sure, but it's a rundown eyesore that belonged to another time.
- Considering it has already been partially demolished it is no longer architecturally changed and no longer an architectural interest
- It's an eyesore, the flat roofs cause nothing but problems for tenants. Its freezing cold in the winter and you have to dodge bucket after bucket that is catching all the water leaking in.
- This building if anything should be confirmed to history and be looked at as how not to build a shopping centre. We should learn from the mistakes made and demolish this ASAP
- It's not it's horrible to look at and it even more inside
- The building is of no architectural significance, no cultural significance. The people of Cumbernauld have for years stated how unfit it is for the world we live in. The condition, the layout offer nothing of value, if anything the layout and design make it unworthy on being classed as special historical interest.
- "It's an eyesore.
Looks like kids designed it using Lego blocks.
You see some listed buildings have been painted on canvas.
Who would actually buy a copy of this building to display I home or office."
- An eyesore not for purpose. Smells, has damp issues, leaks, high rent, no shops , no draw to anyone outside Cumbernauld and even then we go to Glasgow
- It's an eyesore & not fit for purpose. Dirty, smelly & unsafe especially at night.



- It's an eyesore. The people of Cumbernauld have been crying out for better shops/restaurants and amenities for as long as I can remember. This needs to go and a new town centre Built.
- It is an eyesore and an embarrassment to Cumbernauld residents
- There's nothing architecturally about it it's an eyesore
- It's a tired area that needs brought back to life
- Building is dysfunctional, already severely altered from original design. Building is also not fit for purpose, and Cumbernauld would benefit more from moving forward with redevelopment rather than being constrained by having to maintain original.
- It's a horrible eyesore... maybe it was amazing in the 60s but we are now in 2022 and it needs demolished and updated with the times
- It is an eye sore and has been so almost all my life in Cumbernauld (53 years).
- I think it's been an experiment that sadly didn't work. The structure is an eyesore and doesn't serve any purpose or contribute to the community. If anything, it lowers the appeal of the area.
- It was always an ugly building, designed to win prizes by architects who did not envisage the practical aspects of using the various parts of the building. Based on a concept that even when it was the building envisaged in the sixties was out of date.
- I think it looks an eyesore, when built back in the day it was very different to anything else but now the whole place just looks awful no wonder, we got the carbuncle award
- It's falling apart. Smells on urine and is an eye sore
- Absolutely none, it's a hideous eyesore, pull it down!
- It is an absolute nightmare of a building. In need of many many repairs. It does nothing to entice people to come to Cumbernauld to shop.
- An absolute eyesore. Cumbernauld has grown vastly over the last 20 years, and the town centre needs to be modernised to reflect the current times and growth of the town.
- "The Cumbernauld Town Centre has been a complete eyesore for years. Our family moved from East Kilbride in 1976 and initially enjoyed the building of The Centre with its various shops and other facilities, the cinema, cafe's etc, however, over time, it has become an embarrassment with most of the original stores shut down. Promises of a rebuild of various parts of the town centre have never materialised and it has become embarrassing to say the least, the original building beside the library etc is awful. We are a laughing stock in Scotland, a listed building, absolutely not."
- Although it may be of architectural interest to some a town with young families should not become a museum for the interest of others
- A 1960s architectural blunder of major proportions that is now an open wound to residents of the town.
- I just feel that there is nothing much left everything is moving to the antonine centre and in phase 4 there is more charity shops than anything
- Looks unattractive, leaks, hard to maintain and not fit for purpose.
- It is very badly designed. The ramps built made things very awkward to find. Looking for the library is an ordeal itself.
- This building is an eye sore to the local environment.
- It's an eyesore that is hated by a lot of locals



- I understand the history of the architecture however it is not fit for purpose. It's has not been well maintained and is now an eyesore
- In my opinion it's an eyesore and of no architectural interest
- "The fact that Cumbernauld Town Centre may meet your criteria of being of special architectural interest is of secondary relevance. The most important criteria to be applied to the future of the Town Centre is that it satisfies its' primary reason to exist as a working town centre that enhances the lives of Cumbernauld residents and makes us proud to be a Cumbernauld resident.

I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1970 and have suffered from the inadequacies of the town centre since that time.

As has been said elsewhere, the centre attracted great interest during and immediately after its construction, with many visits from architectural organisations. What is not given enough publicity is that many of these visits were made to learn from the mistakes that were made in the design of the town centre - e.g. built on top of a hillside/ passageways left open to the elements / walkways isolated and dangerous to walking visitors/ concrete finish made with unfinished timber.

Even within the last week, we have experienced how lonely and isolated it is in having to travel through isolated, urine-soaked corridors / passageways that we as local residents are expected to accept. No more.

One last point- the design of the original town centre was so flawed that some improvement schemes to close off open corridors/ to tile over areas of the original concrete exposed walls etc have all been implemented over the decades - the town centre as it exists is not the original. Does Historic Environment Scotland plan to remove all these "" building of architectural "" improvements to return the town centre to its true original condition ? What a shambles? How many members of Historic Scotland actually live in Cumbernauld?"

- This is a hideous mess and needs to be demolished. The idea of making this mess listed building borders on the insane.
- It's of interest, but it's an ugly building which deserves to be torn down and replaced with something better and greener
- Probably due to the architect who designed it but it is not fit for purpose and many shops are closing because of lack of footfall. That needs to be weighed against the best needs of the community.
- I don't think the space that it takes up is as useful as it could be and needs constant repair. It's not particularly appealing to look at either.
- I have lived here my whole life and remember the town centre as a busy meeting place where residents were able to shop. I remember meeting friends and using the town centre well. Sadly, it has been allowed to deteriorate and is no longer fit for purpose.
- I think the image above speaks for itself. It looks like a stack of containers. Cumbernauld megastructure was responsible for the town being awarded the "Plook on a Plinth" award and the "Carbuncle Award" [REDACTED] "A rabbit warren on stilts" I think these facts say it all.
- The building is one of many architectural embarrassments in Scotland and is in such a poor state of repair that it should be removed from the landscape.
- Like many people in Cumbernauld, I have a love/hate relationship with the town centre. I recognise that it is considered architecturally important, but it is not in my view fit for purpose. Inside it is cold leaky and unwelcoming. It lacks coherence and flow. Its



facilities are run down or non-existent. It's not a place I am keen to visit and I'm sure people who can get out of the town to do their shopping do so. At night it feels unsafe. People who live in Cumbernauld have long felt that their interests are ignored and that they are at the back of the queue for investment. Listing the town centre would mean we lose the opportunity for investment in a new hub which would better meet the needs of the community, potentially stimulate economic activity, and provide a welcoming environment for shopping, social and other activities

- "The building was built for a purpose, but architecturally I don't believe it's style/design is significant. It feels like many pieces put poorly designed and put together over the years and although supposedly designed to meet a brief of many purposes it does not fulfil this and therefore means it is badly designed.

I do not believe the building demonstrates good artistic skill or include architectural details

I don't believe the design is of interest or the many designers.

The interior design is poor and there are no fixed interior decorative schemes.

There is no significance of the materials used in the building.

There is no technological excellence or innovation demonstrated in the building type or its design.

The building does not represent any local or regional traditions in the building type, material or form."

- it is a hideous building, way past its best and needs replaced with something an architect has spent some time designing, and not a concrete box
- It is an eye sore. It is dated. It is not fit for purpose. I no longer bother to shop there, choosing Glasgow modern shops instead. It's famously dragged the town down - winning negative awards. With the large number of very large and expensive housing estates. The current infrastructure needs to change to be fit for modern living - otherwise Cumbernauld is a commuting town only - we live here, and shop elsewhere.
- The existing centre is an eyesore. It is an apology for a centre which has little or no relevance today. The "awards" bestowed on Cumbernauld Town Centre suggest that we should apologise for it and certainly NOT preserve it as a memorial to man's architectural folly of the 60's!!!!
- Nothing interested build with ugly view...
- Cheap, ugly, depressing, cold, my hatred of it is endless.
- It's a colossal eyesore.
- There is nothing of beauty, proportion or functionality. A lot of space is wasted. The building is awkward, but not in a good way.
- It is an eyesore both inside and out
- Think I might have said slightly agree if that had been a choice.
- It's not DDA friendly, it's ugly and not consumer friendly. Cumbernauld deserves better than this.
- Having left bed in or worked in the town since 1981 I have watched the continued decline of the structure. It is now nothing more than an eyesore, an embarrassment to the town and unsuitable for 2022 and moving forward. Our town centre is dead and needs totally reinvigorated. It's a concrete jungle and also feels totally unsafe for elderly people or those using bus/taxi facilities.
- It is an eyesore and doesn't meet the needs of the people in the area. Just seeing that it is now filled mainly with charity shops shows that retailers don't want to occupy that



part of the town centre, much preferring the new section of town centre over the other side of the road. It is depressing to walk around, and I feel I can't get out of it quick enough. The roof constantly leaks, and it feels dark and gloomy inside and looks the same outside. The new section of the town centre built more recently is brighter and cleaner, it doesn't have a constantly leaking roof.

- It's an eyesore
- Look at it - it's a monstrosity! It looks like a hurricane hit a container port.
- I feel that the arguments for preserving the town centre should relate to the carbon savings and consideration should be given to how the building can be best adapted to improve the space for the people of Cumbernauld. If this can't be done within the constraints of a listed building, it shouldn't be listed. However, there is no point in knocking down the existing structure if a new structure/town centre can't be developed that developed that significantly improves the experience for people of Cumbernauld - for example, offering a wider variety of amenities (e.g. cinema and shops than is available currently. Destroying the existing structure and replacing it with something that isn't better used would be a failure and waste of public resources.
- Cumbernauld should have a fit for purpose future proof town centre not what is described as a listed building
- Total eyesore. Had its time, now needs knocked down and started again. Time to Build a nicer place for our children.
- It's not fit for purpose. It is an eyesore. It would require very large amounts of money to repair it and probably wouldn't reach the requirements of the local population.
- I think it is important architecturally however it is no longer fit for purpose
- "It's an eyesore and does not provide any community facilities that are required, Ed in a modern town centre. It does not attract customers from out with Cumbernauld as a destination to visit.
It cannot be maintained economically and therefore has gone to ruin."
- "I understand as resident since 1968 that there is a wide view however the current design has not allowed for the expansion of the town and in fact has been detrimental to the community experience of residents. It is filthy and a mishmash of design. It looked good in the mid-sixties but that was then. I watched Glasgow being torn down but in this case, I feel it is necessary
- I feel really strongly about this"
- It's unattractive/not user friendly. Very unpleasant space to be in .I feel embarrassed to say I am from Cumbernauld as outsiders always seem to laugh at the unsightliness of our town centre
- "Rarity -It is one of only a few built examples from this period of architectural history. Good example of the ideas of the time - It represents a period when architects and planners were experimenting with new ways of accommodating people and vehicles in town centres. The separation and zoning of vehicles and pedestrian routes and the amalgamation of lots of different town centre activities in one building is still revolutionary."
- I do believe that some parts of it are of architectural interest, but I'm not sure how many of the original features remain. My favourite parts have already been demolished.
- This part of Cumbernauld Town Centre is not fit for purpose & in my opinion not fit to be held as a listed building! Cumbernauld needs a functional town centre to stop its residents going to Coatbridge, Airdrie, East Kilbride, Falkirk for their shopping. Not



imagining for a moment that new plans will involve sufficient socialising venues to deter residents from going to Glasgow & Edinburgh.

- It's of interest but not special
- Cumbernauld residents do not consider the town centre to be of special architectural interest, it considered an eye sore and an embarrassment, stopping investment in the town.
- It's an eyesore and not fit for purpose. The way it's laid out no longer suits modern day shopping needs
- We got the carbuncle award several times enough said
- Whilst initially it may have been of some architectural significance, over the years it has become dated and does not blend in with its more modern surroundings.
- It is an eyesore I don't believe it has any architectural interests. Other than to show others what not to do
- To be honest it's an eyesore of a building and Cumbernauld needs a new updated town centre the building is old and run down shouldn't be kept as a listed building
- It is an out of date structure that is an abomination to look at and has no place moving forward from the outside or inside and the space could be used better for the future and people of Cumbernauld.
- Please don't make Cumbernauld town Centre a listed building as it will make it harder for it to get fixed it's a massive eye sore to everyone
- This is no more a listed building than I am. It has to come down
- "Cumbernauld Town Centre was a world-leader in the 1960s era of utopian modernist visions for cities, as well as, more specifically, a pioneer in 'megastructural' planning (as hailed eg by Banham) and its avant-garde 'space-age' architecture, bristling with steel-grey fins and antenna-like projections, attracted architectural visitors from all over the globe - before systematic neglect and shoddy upgrading efforts by the 'authorities' (including removal of some lesser sections on its south side) pushed it into a spiral of decline, public stigma and disrepair. In my 1991 report on the architectural and historic significance of the Centre I provide a detailed explanation of all aspects of its international status, together with a massive dossier of the huge number of international periodical articles on it from the 1960s and would be very happy to make this available to HES if needed.

The report (unlike this listing consultation) also makes clear that the sections of the Centre that form part of the original, internationally-significant project are specifically Phase One (the megastructure section south of the dual carriageway) and Phase Two (the spur to the north, crossing the road and terminating adjacent to St Mungo's Church). None of the remainder of the overall Town Centre is of any significance.

In its built form, the Centre is an incredibly robust structure, and with a bit of care and attention, it would be quite easy to resurrect that dramatic, original vision, and once more make Cumbernauld not just a banal 'regional shopping centre' but an international mecca for modernist architectural enthusiasts and culture-tourism."

- I think it is important to preserve and reuse building that embody a particular, time, movement or era whether or not it is perceived as 'ugly' by the public. This is distinctive example of architecture that should be preserved and reused. I also believe that we need to really think carefully about demolition during a climate emergency and the embodied carbon that the building holds. This should be carefully considered for retention and reuse.



- I believe the building has now outdated itself, with the lack of care and refurbishment over the years unfortunately it no longer serves the purpose it was built for. although a centre is very much needed, I don't believe the structure is of a standard that meets special architectural interest.
- Been here for 52 years it was good then but now a dump, I know I'll never see any improvement in my lifetime.
- Living locally we have to look at this every day. It's a concrete monstrosity. Interior is poorly maintained, poorly signposted and the design makes it poorly accessible.
- We are getting in contact with you regarding the ongoing consultation on the application for Cumbernauld Town Centre to receive Listed Status. We feel that listing the building isn't necessary and is not in the interests of the town. Over the last few weeks and months, many constituents have made clear to us that they are opposed to any effort to list the building and that they are generally supportive of proposals to redevelop the town centre. We both feel that this is the view of the overwhelming majority of our constituents. Cumbernauld needs a vibrant, functioning, town centre and not a monument to Brutalist architecture. While we acknowledge that the building is of some interest to that profession, Cumbernauld cannot exist as a museum for those interested in a style of architecture that has long been out of fashion. The current building is outdated and unfit for purpose. Scotland as a whole has no shortage of examples of such architecture, and many of these examples exist in large towns and cities alongside other buildings where they don't dominate the lives of those that live there. There is no shortage of plans and historical records of the megastructure that will continue to exist and be studied after it has been demolished. It has long been clear that the structure is well past its best. If North Lanarkshire Council is unable to undertake their plans, then it could prove costly to maintain the building over time. Ultimately, the utility of the town centre is what matters most with regard to future plans, and as footfall continues to reduce it is clear that there isn't likely to be a future that the current building serves the interests of those that live in the area. Please accept this email as our official response to the consultation. If we can provide any more clarity regarding our position, then please do feel free to get in touch with us.
- "It is a world leading implementation of the defining architectural idea of the 1960s, the megastructure, produced as the centrepiece of Scotland's (and the UK's) most remarkable and full-blooded contribution to radical and coherent New Town thinking. Of course it is in a sad state at present, and the wish of residents not to have it in its current condition are totally comprehensible. However, its worldwide publication and widespread emulation are exceptionally unusual in the history of architecture across the nations in the UK. By any possible definition Cumbernauld Town Centre, for all its problems and despite its current condition, is of exceptional international architectural significance."
- It's a very bold piece of design. Despite its condition there is nothing quite like it in the UK. As a design it is very well known internationally.
- It is an extremely ugly building dominating the top of the hill. The young architects and planners who designed the building never stayed to see the disastrous end product. Went on to work in other New Towns!
- "For me the building was built all that time ago and has served its purpose well, having a fall in the centre and it being blamed on condensation from walls making them slippery to me says it all."



It's time to either truly fix it up to the highest standard or tear it down and start again. Awards can always be received again"

- The building has no worthwhile architectural features and should be demolished. It is a disgrace and an eyesore. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better than this Town Centre.
- It looks like the buildings in science films / programmes that were supposed to be the buildings of the future. I.E. Thunderbirds
- I routinely receive requests from international architectural students travelling in Scotland to come to Cumbernauld Campus to take photographs of the internal structure of the College. It is of architectural interest to these students of how Buildings were built in the 70s and 80s. However it is still a shopping centre and college and things need to improve. The Antonine Centre North East Unit (next to College) is suitable as a town centre and shopping precinct, however the South West centre requires to be completely renovated or demolished. It is tired and certainly not a busy hub as a Town Centre Precinct.
- Ghastly
- Just isn't man
- The town centre is more like a relic of the Cold War Eastern Bloc - a grotesque, embarrassing, eyesore, unfit for purpose and detracts from the visual quality, ambiance and potential for a quality fit for purpose redevelopment.
- It's an eyesore. Definitely not fit for purpose as it's so run down now
- "Looking at the megastructure at this point in time, it does not meet the criteria of special architectural interest as it is neither complete or authentic to the original concept, vision and design. Over the years several additions have been made to the megastructure and the interior has been completely renovated so very little remains of the original interior design.

The original setting of the building has also dramatically changed, with new buildings obscuring the megastructure such as the clumsy 'add on', Fleming House, Tesco etc. The purpose of the building within the setting has changed; it no longer provides housing, civic spaces or a hotel – it is simply a shopping centre which is far from the original vision of the architect. The megastructure and all of the additional buildings are in poor condition, they have no artistic value and are a source of embarrassment and ridicule to the people of Cumbernauld. When it was built it certainly did win recognition for innovation, but the lack of maintenance and poor quality of additional buildings means that the only accolades that the building achieves now are the Carbuncle Awards."

Q.8 Historical Interest

To what extent do you think the Cumbernauld Town Centre is of special historic interest? - Historical Interest

- Strongly agree **(244)**
- Agree **(143)**
- Neither agree nor disagree **(101)**
- Slightly disagree **(147)**
- Strongly disagree **(1518)**



To what extent do you think the Cumbernauld Town Centre is of special historic interest? - Please expand your reasons in the box below:

- There are few examples of this type of civic intervention in Scotland.
- "As above but also the evolution of post war thinking, a more human interest, flexibility, expandable, mixed use and early considerations of symbiosis and environmental issues, transport etc. it was a world movement with Metabolists in Japan, developing countries and UK had some of the leading thinkers.
It is rare and brave to have achieved its realisation and represents ambition, belief in a better world and a moment in time. For it to be in Scotland is special and remarkable."
- There has been many shops and events held in the town center.
- As mentioned previously, the centre has been altered so significantly since its construction that it has no special historical interest.
- What not to do
- "Poor construction and design for some people may be seen essential for Protection to reduce reputational damage of those involved :
Recognised mistakes should not be glorified by "" listing"".
Maintenance of this structure is required its likely to be a drain of resources if Protection is afforded through listing."
- The town centre in its uniqueness may have some special historic interest but perhaps not due to the architecture but from the townspeople's memories of shops, restaurants etc in days gone by. Again, these are points which have been catalogued not only by the people themselves but are freely available on the internet and in libraries/museums. At circa 50 years old the brutalist buildings have seen their day and no longer serve the purpose they were intended leaving the appearance of the town centre degraded and run down. Although the style of the building types may be considered relatively rare they do not enhance the town centre's appearance and may only be of any special interest to select groups of individuals.
- Nothing else like it.
- The building is a great example of Scottish brutalism and the new town movement. It is key to understanding the architectural movements of that time.
- The brutalist architecture is of a time. Building aren't designed like this anymore. It is as significant historically as any 17th Century building that is listed. It must be preserved.
- As stated above. The building was the first of its kind and the significance of this should be recognised.
- The centre was the original epicentre for the development of the entire town with the adjacent districts orbiting it and designed with easy access both on road and grade separated footpaths which is another notable feature.
- "Brutalist architecture deserves to be preserved as they were built with imagination which is rare now.
If all Brutalist buildings are eventually demolished, it will just leave pictures for future generations with questions and wonderment that will never be answered."
- As above
- "It is now one of the few surviving examples of a Brutalist edifice in the UK, let alone Scotland, just because it is not fashionable does not mean it cannot be so, with investment."



the whole social idea behind the conglomeration of uses was also visionary."

- See above
- The Town Centre is a fundamental part of Cumbernauld since New Town status was granted. The upper levels in particular could be retained as part of a scheme to convert back to residential use similar to what is proposed for the St Enoch Centre in Glasgow.
- Part of the original plan for the town and should be replaced by factory style units
- Neo-brutalist.
- The building represents a time where people had faith in architecture and optimism about the future. The building is the modernist centrepiece of an ambitious new town that offered people a new life and quality housing. Cumbernauld has great examples of mid century housing. The town is largely overlooked and disregarded but mid century design is gaining popularity. The town could and should be invested in and some of its buildings, including some housing by Scotland's best architects restored, It is a conservation area of the future. Retaining and reimagining the TC could act as a catalyst for the whole town to regenerate. It could be Scotland's first post war conservation area.
- I suppose the design of the centre is iconic and of historical interest, there may be ideas here which could be used in today's design ideas?
- Well they tore down Abrohill High which had more cultural interest than the town centre! That's still rubble after all these years! I implore you to use imagination. You've got one chance to make it right for the people of Cumbernauld who have been cheated by North Lanarkshire council for decades. Shame on them.
- This is the only example of a megastructure, but it has been eroded over the years. It needs a chance to find its place as a megastructure once again.
- It's has been a central part of Cumbernauld since it was created. Although it could do with cleaning up. It is still an important piece of our short history.
- One of the first purpose built town centres in Scotland.
- The historical importance is tied up in the architectural significance, they are virtually inseparable.
- First of its kind and it had the potential to attract interest but sadly had never been promoted by the council. My fear is the council may knock it down and not only destroy a piece of history but fail to provide Cumbernauld with any kind of alternative fitting for the town. They have no interest in promoting anything historical about Cumbernauld .
- Because of its adaptations and mixed use design much of its unique character and space is already closed to the public. This should be preserved and brought back into use rather than build more out of town parks.
- For a generation it was our town centre.
- "It epitomises the hope of a new life for folks like my parents who left Glasgow for the new town. Politically a failed project but the architecture is stunning and a great example of brutalism that we should have protected and not allowed to disintegrate. It's iconic. And NLC want to flatten it and replace with the usual old tin box mall???"
- Whilst it's in fashion to say it looks rubbish I believe that the worldwide cultural importance of Cumbernauld architecturally is something that should be celebrated. I believe restoring it to its former 60's glory would create a place that tourists would come. We are on the road to many tourists accessing the NC500 why can't we make ourselves a must see pit stop on the way? If we want to do this we need to celebrate



that which makes Cumbernauld unique- we are a town build on a singular architectural vision that alone is fascinating to see realised. I believe the future residents of Cumbernauld would massively miss out if we do not both save and celebrate an integral part of our towns history. Furthermore I believe an effort should be made to restore it to the original plans - so that it may be preserved for future generations.

- It has historic interest as the " planners dream " of living, after the 2nd world war when New Towns were created . The building is one of a kind a brilliant example of brutalism and its connection to the New Town planning ideal of Cumbernauld.
- The town centre needs to be developed further. It has already changed significantly over the past 20 years and needs to evolve. There are no important historical buildings other than the one in question 1.
- To an extent the building is Cumbernauld. And to have the total erasure would make the fabric Cumbernauld far weaker, in my mind at least.
- Being one of the most controversial, notable, ambitious and forward looking structures of the New Town concepts.
- Nothing had been seen like it before and love it or hate it, there is nothing else like it in ambition or scale. It is unique.
- The Town Centre was in it's prime in the 1970s as important as the Dennis Crompton's Southbank Arts Centre in London or the original Dallas Market Center (as seen in the film Logan's Run) for marking the aspirations of a new town with young residents escaping the poor living conditions in Glasgow.
- As part of a planned town it during an important period during Scotland expansion after WW2 it represents significant change on a social and economic level, as well as providing a good example of brutalist architecture from the time.
- It's unique in the history of planning and traffic management - the first town in Britain to be planned around the car, and the first entirely indoor town centre, responding to the climate and people's needs with lifts and ramps. It inspired all later indoor shopping centres in Scotland and many elsewhere in Britain.
- It was designed to be the hub of the new town community and it was exactly that especially my generation and slightly older
- At the time of it's design and construction it the first enclosed multi-use retail, commercial, residential and civic centre in the United Kingdom.
- Cumbernauld new town was a ground breaking, innovative and ambitious project, full of the optimism of the 60's that we could create a better place to live, grow and work. It was regarded world wide as a possible future way of living. well into the 80's architecture and planning students visited to see the results of this type of social planning, to see the sucesses and failures that resulted and learn from them
- It's the big ugly building that everyone knows and loves
- "Cumbernauld being the first Mark II new town was developed as an avant-garde approach to physical and social structures. While the world has moved on in terms of design and layout, many current concepts such as 20-minute neighbourhoods, the promotion of pedestrian and cycling via separation from motor vehicles can be seen as pioneering approaches to current good practice for shared footways for walking, wheeling and cycling. The broad pedestrian expanses and approaches to the megastructure were early examples of this in action. The megastructure was the keystone in the conceptual and physical development of the town. The town concept utilised contrasting design to historic and at that time existing New Town planned



layouts which was distinct. Central to the form and function of the hilltop design was the megastructure as the focal point of the town, visually, physically and socially. The concept of a multi-level, multi-purpose, multifunctional covered town centre was a new and at that time unique approach. The first of its kind influencing future enclosed retail and multi-use centres in and around towns and cities is itself a note to the historic impact of the megastructure.

Some may argue that negative elements exist. That does not mean that the design and structure should not merit its place in history. Many designs are not perfect, but the pioneering nature of the megastructure which has largely served the town and its people well should not be abandoned on the basis that current thinking is different to its period of design. Focus may change in the future but the historic accomplishments of a design which worked in practice, influenced society and social interaction between people and services while also influencing broader architectural design merits historic recognition and preservation."

- People fought to get a job in Cumbernauld when it was born, in order to get housing here. The town centre was a blessing and most residents will have memories of some sort in the centre. The archives show the changes in people, shopping, clothing types of shops etc and to renovate within the structure would allow this social documentary to continue
- Opened by princess Margaret when at the time it was regarded as one of the most modern of its kind
- Architecture and design progression in the new towns of the 70s
- "It represents the ""new town"" concept. The idea that all a town's amenities are under one roof.

This was a pioneering idea when the new town was being built."

- Again, too many memories, and as an example of an architectural experiment.
- Innovative and of its time
- As a new town Cumbernauld forms a part of Scotland's history. The porthole penthouses were aspirational to many growing up in Cumbernauld.
- Nobody except the people from Cumbernauld understand this building. Nobody else really cares about it if they aren't from Cumbernauld. Get Kevin McLeod back on the case.
- "The style of brutalist architecture is not one widely seen and certainly not in Scotland. It should be preserved and restored"
- Similar to reasons above, it is understanding the reasons for planning and why it didn't work, this is far more fascinating than only keeping short term successes.
- a renovated using existing structure Cumbernauld would likely attract visitors for many decades
- Iconic of Cumbernauld
- It will never be repeated
- It was conceived as the heart of Cumbernauld and as such has an important role in the history of the town itself, and the Scottish New Towns programme.
- It's the only building of its kind in Scotland
- It represents a key moment in the development of the mid 20th century New Towns in Scotland and is a very significant architectural statement of that period of development



- I think Cumbernauld along with all the other 'New Towns' built around the same time never really fulfilled their full potential however I don't think pulling structures down is a way to resolve this. Many towns retain older buildings and erect new structures to sit alongside.
- "Was early example of 60s architecture. One of first of kind if not first it was a fabulous town centre
Everything was there, the shops, houses, bars, restaurants, library, town hall.....all in one place"
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is of special historic interest as a new town. It's part of the history of the west of Scotland particularly for people who moved from Glasgow to Cumbernauld in the 1960s and 70s.
- The building is part of the New Town development in Scotland, a part of the postwar desire to improve living conditions for ordinary people. The scale of this ambition is impressive, and resulted in a different way of life for families with limited means coming from Glasgow. This aspiration for working people is hugely important, and an ambition Scotland needs to remember for its future: an indication of the scale at which positive action is possible.
- The architecture is of the 1960s and 70s, and is a singular example of the brutalist style from that period, a true and extensive example of a one-building town centre with multi-purpose potential built in, from the towering penthouses to the sub-strata car parks. It is not a hollow monument, but a functioning embodiment of that brutalist vision, and due to its history is closely identified with the town of Cumbernauld and it's wider historical "new town" context.
- "Sociologically, the building is part of the story of the New Town movement. It is, at this depressing/dystopian political juncture, probably worth hanging on to concrete memories (pun intended) of times when Governments at local and national levels seemed to want to invest in their citizens by creating an innovative and memorable place for them to live and work.
- I know the building has notable and numerous problems and has endured much disdain. However, I feel there's a lively and inspiring history behind it that could endear it to its residents with the right restoration, possible repurpose and retelling of its inception."
- Cumbernauld was one of the 1st New Towns built. It has historic significance just for that, however more importantly the Town Centre was Innovative and ahead of the Times. It was the Centre of the entire area and was a brilliant place to shop and meet up etc. It all went wrong when Rents went through the roof thus putting off potential businesses and investors. I believe it is Corporate Greed that has destroyed the soul of our community.
- Surviving examples of large-scale brutalist structures like this are becoming rare
- For those of us who grew up in the town from its inception the building is a repository of local and personal history. Many would like to see it restored - with decent retail and commercial properties within.
- "It's was a unique concept which has stood the test of time. It remains functional and is instantly recognisable. Some parts of particular interest have been neglected such as the penthouses and the former licenced premises.
It's doubtful if a structure so unique will be constructed again so it's important to preserve this iconic building"



- There isn't much left to show the idea that was put forward for Cumbernauld. The town centre is a clear vision with great stories all around as well as back drops for movies like Gregory's girl
- The building and the concept behind it are a perfect example of post war optimism and the desire to combine community/municipal services in single locations. It's a key example of that and the finest remaining example in Scotland.
- In its time it was a visionary example of the future.
- I cannot imagine a building like this will ever be created again. It is irreplaceable and utterly unique, redolent of an extraordinary era, playing a central role in the story of the birth of a new town and a new way of living for working class Scots.
- See above
- This was a very important building when it was first constructed and has a significant place in the history of Brutalist architecture in the UK and further afield. I agree with the views of the 20th Century Society in relation to this building.
- It is a fine example of Brutalist architecture and I agree with the comments of the architectural historian Barnabas Calder who has called for it to be reimaged rather than destroyed forever.
- It's an early example and probably most strongly expressed of its type. We cannot knock down buildings because of personal dislike. I don't have a high regard for a large number of Victorian buildings, for instance, but I appreciate that they should remain, as they are good examples of their type. Usually they have to be reimaged to be of current use.
- I lived in Cumbernauld from birth to early twenties so my comments here are from a former residents view and with my professional hat on with being a planner. It has always been an iconic building as it sits on a prominent and central location of Cumbernauld. It was and still is very much a central hub serving the community. Albeit not as much now as in the past! It signifies a new town, new beginnings and new ways of living. It has significant historical importance. I understand that things always have to move on but this is a fantastic piece of history (the original building that is). It signifies so much of Cumbernauld's history but also holds the town back.
- It's unique and represents the time and vision of when it was designed even though it has went through major alterations since.
- Just because Cumbernauld town centre no longer fits the status quo of 21st century town centre structures, does not mean that it is obsolete. It is still a reminder to future generations of Scotland's historical legacy of being innovative before it's time.
- The penthouses should be kept.
- It is also an iconic image of the town itself, a town built to house people moved from Glasgow post war. The ship on stilts representing Glasgow's shipbuilding heritage. While the building in its entirety is not necessary worthy of listing, the main segment surely is given all of that.
- I think my comments in the previous question cover the historic aspects also. It's unique. at least to the United kingdom. Can't speak for the rest of the world 65 or so years on !!
- The New Town movement following Ww2 lead to lots of new, sometimes ambitious towns and communities to be built. Cumbernauld town centre is a perfect example of the ambitiousness of the project to give people new places to live outwith the confines of inner cities.



- "Central to the history of the New Town Movement in Scotland and to the social impact of that idea. In that movement its own history is unique and it was loved and documented by many from film makers writers artists sculptors and its own denizens. It educated many and looked after them and sheltered them in a way that deserves recognition not to be preserved but by recognising its potential utility."
- Again it's design was away ahead of its time when it was built and the fact it has penthouse is especially important for history.
- The first outdoor escalators in the UK.
- Just like other new towns they show a historical snapshot of the time when folk moved out of the city and moved to the surrounding towns.
- "No other town centre is reflective in its name.
Cumbernauld (meeting of the waters)
Town centre is ship in dry dock"
- [REDACTED] dump of a place
- "This building was built in a time of great need for housing as Glasgow was overflowing with people. The government and designers could have easily built something fast and simple but they didn't they took their time and looked to the future. When you look at Cumbernauld town centre closely you can see its true uniqueness in its concrete this was the first time that construction used concrete to this extent and design.
From the walk ways, to the pillars they are all made from concrete. In the 60s and 70s this was super rare and ahead of its time. Designers and city planners from around the world came to see Cumbernauld town centre as it was truly the future in town centres it was built around transport. Which you can still see to this day all of the new shopping malls in America and the shopping parks here are built around the car and bus.
Something that Cumbernauld town centre introduced to the world."
- Since it was the first shopping centre in the UK, surely the fact it was based on forward thinking architects designing with a view to allow sympathetic and likeminded expansion as the town grew, effort could be made to retain the original sections, reopen it as originally built to allow the natural lighting and the wide walkways to be made better use of.
- As a new town at the time, it clearly defines the thought processes of what was considered futuristic living, in 1960. Having an easily accessible central hub that you could reach by car, or on foot without encountering traffic.
- As above the building is an important part of Scotland's social and urban history. It a vital, core, part of Cumbernauld New Town, emblematic of the hopes of the original community who moved away from the poor housing and living conditions of areas of central Scotland to a new life. The megastructure is the built, physical and recognisable icon of a spirit of optimism that tells the community's story and that of the designers of the new towns.
- As said above. This is a landmark in Cumbernauld. It is known over the whole country for its architecture. Love it or hate it...its a talking point for the town and is special for those of us who have lived in Cumbernauld for a long time.
- "As I said above, 'Heritage' seems to mean medieval for some people. But in 100 years, Cumbernauld Town Centre will be of historical interest to people even if just to say 'Look how they shopped back then!'
If anything, I personally prefer Social History to the usual Military History we get at school."



- Again The design shows how the designers envisaged modern living in the 1950s when building a new town from scratch.
- At the time it was built brutalist architecture was very popular, and it was using the latest material so was innovative and forward thinking at that time. It dates back to when the town was first established, so very much of that era.
- It was innovative architecture
- The building has features prominently in Scotland's story of postwar renewal, experimentation and sometimes failure and is therefore of major historic interest.
- As above it was socially progressive when first built and deserves to be conserved in some way
- It is unique.
- "It's difficult to tease out the difference between the architecture itself and its historic relevance and interest, given how intertwined the two have ended up being in this setting.

Its brutalist architecture reflects a crazy, intensely optimistic and forward looking moment in time, fueled by a hope for a better future for all, a very Scottish precept. It formed the nucleus of what is still known worldwide as a particularly brave experiment in social engineering, an investment in the common good, for the ordinary people of Scotland, and a successful one at that, one which to this day has its advantages and the potential for much more.

The moment in history its architecture, and the resultant social impact it represents, not only lost but deliberately eradicated, seems a sad end to what was once such a bold dream in making lives better, aspirational, forward-looking. If designation can keep the structure from being demolished then I very strongly feel it should be given.

The loss to the community and to a significant time in the history of Scotland would be huge. The unique feel of the town and what it represents in history as well as to the generations of families who have now grown up there would be lost. I shudder to think of the generic awfulness of what will go in its place.

Having grown up in Cumbernauld, the original megastructure was a benign behemoth, a focal point for the town, a destination that I completely accepted and even loved. It has had a lasting impact on my psyche and the lense through which I see and experience other places in the world. To the extent that I want to return there to live some day. Nowhere else is really like it. This must also be the case for the many thousands of others who grew up around it.

The idea of the town centre as we know it being lost into the mists of time creates a huge sense of loss and missed opportunity.

There was such great hope and optimism represented by the town centre structure to the new inhabitants when leaving the black tenements of Glasgow. It is part of the social history of Scotland.

It was part of a bold new world, and the structure itself was full of opportunities to explore and expand on ideologies and ways of living. There was a great hope about it, and many of the principles behind the design of the structure and the town as a whole are important to this day, and indeed more pertinent than they ever were."

- "Name something else famous about Cumbernauld?

Gregory's girl perhaps? Allot of that was shot in town centre... What else can I name? Thats right, our town centre is our famous icon..."



- ""Leonardo da Vinci, nearly five hundred years ago, envisioned a city where all the vehicles move underground, leaving man to move freely in the sun. Leonardo might also have sketched Cumbernauld's town center, a soaring citadel surrounded by meadow."" It's one of a kind"
- The centre has significant social historical interest and value as the focus of the new town. Unlike earlier new towns, where the neighbourhood was conceived as residents' focal point, the idea in Cumbernauld was that the town would be closely connected to the centre. It was the focus for shopping, leisure and civic functions, and thus has long had a place in residents' lives and memories.
- As said before it was a first in architectural design
- The Town Centre acted as the main focus for the New Town as it grew and the majority of the residents feeling of community are linked to this structure. If the building were lost there would be no focus in the town
- See answer above.
- "Personally I think the building should be retained and developed. It is iconic, unique and synonymous with Cumbernauld. A huge amount of other landmark buildings have been demolished and a replacement town centre will no more be a thriving hub. ..When its gone with all its history and groundbreaking architecture (and great memories for many) it's gone.The whole survey is biased and negative as if its a done deed"
- as above
- As above. World significant.
- It was an original concept which represented planning ideas of the tim.
- First town centre
- Cumbernauld town centre was exactly that - a shared resource for the various part of the new town - along with the cottage theatre, it brought together communities who has moved to the town from Glasgow over successive generations. It developed and grew along side them, and mapped that unique time in Scottish cultural history.
- Cumbernauld was one of the New Towns representing a particular vision of the future when planned during the late 1950's and early 1960's. It represented a new beginning for many families and a brighter tomorrow in a world of greater opportunity. The architecture of the Town Centre reflects this very well and is the concrete reminder of how the planning visions went together and how it worked. Times have changed and the Development Corporation was replaced - many residents of Cumbernauld were and are not happy with the position Cumbernauld occupies within North Lanark plans - NL have a reputation for running down Cumbernauld and there is a perception that NL preferences lie elsewhere. Time to show Cumbernauld folk that their Town Centre is valued and will be maintained as part of the architectural; heritage of Cumbernauld. You need only look online at the Cumbernauld in the 1970's group on fb or any similar interest group and you will see the importance of the Town Centre in the community's history - just mention Scan Bookshop, for example! (I recently refund a childhood friend through a mention of Scan Bookshop on one such group). The history of Cumbernauld is important to many, whether they still live there (like my friend) or whether they have lived in other countries since (like me). I'd go so far as to say there is nothing of any extent remaining in Cumbernauld which encapsulates the history of the New town like the Town Centre does. Schools are particular to groups of people depending on where their house was or what their religion was but the Town Centre belonged to all, old and



young, those who moved to Cumbernauld with long families and those who were born there. It is the main remaining symbol of the New Town - lets celebrate it!

- It is iconic to the era it was built and was visionary in that it accommodated living, leisure and business. sadly not very successfully. It is part of Scotland's new town history
- "The town centre; its facilities, it being the sole source of facilities in the town, and its central location, has contributed to the sense of culture, history and community within Cumbernauld.

It would be argued that the town could be considered a satellite commuter town for Glasgow without the centre and its identity, rather than the town of Cumbernauld. Cumbernauld is a new town in itself. We have witnessed the consequences of removing the built environment 'for a better future' in Glasgow, with so many examples of built architecture removed for the sake of progress. Let's not repeat the same mistakes and preserve & reuse our facilities."

- "IMO - it is if its time
- Use it or get rid of it .
- Go simple, go futuristic.
- Solar panels etc"
- Not a particularly attractive place - for me anyway.
- It was an intimation of a brave new world that failed to materialize
- It is a monument to the socio/politico/cultural aspirations of its period
- The building is unique within the area and could be altered internally as part of the local plan for the area.
- The building is the centrepiece of a town that was conceived to be easy to navigate, friendly to pedestrians, welcoming to shoppers and to provide an interesting, enriched standard of living. The town was conceived to be ambitious and futuristic and the town centre is an emblem of that. The centre has been run down, neglected and allowed to deteriorate and sadly this contributes to the misunderstanding and hatred of the building. It would be terrible to lose this icon of the town completely, when it could be refurbished and integrated into any redeveloped.
- It is of specific historic interest in terms of both design and construction. Buildings like these should be adapted for re-use due to architectural quality and as a more sustainable approach to development.
- See above
- as above
- As above..it has been the centre point from the start of new Cumbernauld. Everything else has been demolished or sold. We need to keep the heart of our heritage.
- It was of a time and place and matched the hope of a new and different life.
- This is history that should not be lost.
- It is an example of an early new town. The separation of pedestrians and traffic was an innovation.
- To town was built in a time when the conditions were right (cheap energy available and mass housing needed), to be able to push the boundaries of architecture for the masses. These conditions will never happen again and therefore we should treat the 60s/70s brutalist in the same light as we do the grand Georgian or Gothic structures.
- "It's part of our history the 60
Need it kept"



- It is absolutely a historic building. I have lived in Cumbernauld for 53 years and I have seen too many buildings being razed to the ground. It should remain to retain the history.
- The architecture of the original town is and should be cared for and treated with more respect. There is beautiful architecture throughout Cumbernauld yet the town generally feels run down, neglected and uncared for by the council. So I would like to see the towncentre given a chance as a space. As i believe Cumbernauld could be a very different place and worth visiting.
- See my comments above.
- I understand it was the first indoor mall in the UK. The town is a recognised example of modernist 50s and 60s architecture therefore it is only fitting that our centre reflects this
- It was a first of its kind and should be respected as such. Market Cumbernauld in such a way, do the town centre up and get tourists into the area.
- Yes, the building is of special historic, cultural and social interest as it was designed to serve the the new town community of Cumbernauld. The history stands as a marker of the unique beginning of the town of Cumbernauld.
- This is a special sixties conservation era in Scotland. Please use the opportunity to even more enhance Scotland's reputation throughout the world, especially with regard to 'Gregory's Girl'. I didn't realise myself until I had seen it on the 'One Show'. There could be many luxury flats built there, It would be very economically viable if you could enhance it. This is a very beautiful and unusual sixties building and even for those who want it to be demolished, it can be enhanced, eg by adding more modern designs to it. It could fulfil many people's wishes. Please don't throw the baby out with the bath water!
- It is a classic example of a period in time an iconic new town
- As above, it has put Cumbernauld on the map. This heritage should be embraced and harnessed to work for the people of the town, not erased and destroyed.
- One of very few concrete multi level town centre facilities surviving in Britain. retaining much of its original concept and construction.
- See my answer above.
- See answer to 7.
- Its apart of the community but we need better shopping.
- Again, as my previous answer explains, it may be divisive and used as an example of what not to do in design but that would appear to be due to poor decision making and a lack of commitment to seeing the plans through. I have held an interest in the history of the town centre and it's development (popular culture and social history interests me) for many years and to see it all demolished and replaced with something that will likely not live up to promise is extremely sad.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre was opened in the late 1960s and represents a period of huge optimism about the future - just think: the NEW town! - such as we have not seen since. It was still possible, in the late 1950s when this project was designed, to think that there was something called social life that was bigger than the individual family, and which architecture could address in comprehensive ways; thereby giving a determined and purposive form to social life. It was, in short, so much more than a developer scheme for suburban houses, the ambitions of which are limited to profit-making for the developer and comfortable isolation for the inhabitant. It is historically significant not



only because it represents a fleeting moment in our past, but because it represents a vision of the future, in which developments aim to concentrate people into societies again, so that our settlements do not spread wastefully across our green land.

- It is unquestionably the most pioneering of the UK's new towns, representing ideas of social advancement of international significance, unlikely to ever be repeated. It is arguably the most complete and earliest constructed example of the globally significant megastructure movement.
- The story of how Cumbernauld came about has this as a central part of its story
- See my response in previous question.
- Cumbernauld has the Antonine Wall and the Forth and Clyde Canal running through it so that is history in its self. With Cumbernauld Glen Wildlife Reserve being accessible all year round this community has enjoyed the area for years. Many individuals still living in Cumbernauld grew up on farms in the area that are now housing estates. The history of Cumbernauld should not be forgotten, but with more changes planned for the town centre, the original town is being wiped clean. The town centre is the focal point and the buildings that remain should stay in situ to remind everyone of the beginning of the "New Town".
- Highly original in its concept and manifestation, nothing else quite like it.
- See above.
- The Cumbernauld Town Centre was one of its kind in Scotland and was made with an intention to accommodate the entire town for different events or purposes.
- "It was built as the future of new town planning and gave a vision of how a town could have a hub , a centre that wasn't out in the elements
When it was first built it was designed to showcase how every town centre should aspire , it was how the planners and architects of the 50s and 60s wanted the world to live going forward"
- The town centre was part of a societal regeneration to bring more people to Cumbernauld and create a central hub linking the central belt. The centre was the start of building Cumbernauld and is part of the new towns history.
- "It was a well planned town centre with pathways all designed to take people away from traffic
Some buildings such as the Golden Eagle hotel were somewhat weird but on the whole it wasn't a bad place"
- Refer to previous.
- One of a kind at that time
- Revolutionised the way in which city centres were used, contributed to the raised profile of the area and provides Cumbernauld with a historically significant destination
- My mum who grew up in Cumbernauld has lots a fun stories about it
- see para below
- "For years we all watched GCC destroy countless historical buildings. Structures which made up the very fabric of the city were reduced to a pile of rubble.
This was a new town with innovative ideas and everyone welcomed it. I do understand that the centre isn't to everyone's taste, but it is unique in its design and very much part of this town's short history. Look at the matchboxes built around the main structure is that pleasing to the eye??..especially Fleming House which was built in the 80's and in my opinion is the biggest eyesore of them all. I would hope that at least part of the



structure could be preserved and life brought back into it once more through better management. What is required rather than setting the bulldozers loose and imposing 10yrs of unnecessary expense and disruption to our daily lives, is someone with vision who could utilise and improve the aesthetics of this iconic building for everyone to enjoy. Sadly this town has lost more than it's fair share of history over the years. We deserve the chance to try to preserve what little it has left, before we are left as a new town with no historical value to speak of. 😞"

- The New town vision Where housing, central facilities and urban connections were all considered as part of design
- An incredible example of a new utopian post-war optimism in how we live. It is one of the last few structures of it's kind seeking to provide all the important features of a town centre under one roof. There are other notably successful renovations of controversial buildings of this period which have regained public support when remodeled and better managed, eg. Preston Bus Station, Park Hill Estate in Sheffield, and longer term favourites such as London's Southbank, the Barbican etc.
- Creating a new town close to an old city, with segregation of pedestrians and vehicles and with extensive planting and landscaping makes it a lovely place to visit, stay, work or relax.
- "Age and Rarity
Few megastructures were built globally. In Scotland, only three buildings survive that exhibit megastructural underpinnings: Cumbernauld Town Centre, the Anderston Centre (Glasgow), and the Irvine Centre (Irvine). Of these, Cumbernauld is by far the most significant.

Banham noted that 'Cumbernauld Town Centre, simply by getting built, established itself as the most convincing paradigm we have of what an urban megastructure should be. It comes close to fulfilling, at least in promise, the four headings of Wilcoxon's definition; it offers at least a simulacrum of the Metabolists' distinction between the permanent tree and the transient leaves; and, by including at least a thin line of penthouse duplexes along the whole length of the superstructure, it houses a far larger range of urban functions than, say, Habitat, which is purely residential, or Place Bonaventure, which currently houses no civic functions' (Banham 1976, 176-7)

Widely regarded as being built 'before its time' (Cowling 1997, 61), architects saw in Cumbernauld Town Centre that they were 'dealing with ideas that could radically alter the shape of the built environment as a whole' (Jeffrey 1963, 209).

Association with people or events of national importance

The original conception for Cumbernauld Town Centre was the work of Hugh Wilson, the New Town's chief architect and planner. In Wilson's career he prepared outline plans for several other New Towns including Irvine, Milton Keynes, Redditch, and Skelmersdale. These were all prepared in partnership with Lewis Womersley former chief architect/planner of Sheffield, who had overseen the creation of that city's Park Hill development — the 'Streets in the Sky'.

The Town Centre is the most well-known and recognisable building by Geoffrey Copcutt. Copcutt remains a controversial and distinctive figure, variously described as a megalomaniac 'with the instinct of a sci-fi writer' (Grindrod 2013, 298) and a 'compulsive visualiser' (Gold 2007, 157). William Gillespie, an architect who worked alongside Copcutt at CDC, remembered him as 'wild in every way: wild beard, wild hair,



and he used to wear suits like carpets, light brown, with huge buttons; he was an amazing man' (DSA entry for Copcutt)."

- As above.
- "As a mixed use megastructure of housing, shops, commercial offices, market halls, covered car parking, bus stations, library and creches and at one time local government and Department of Work and Pensions Offices, it is unique in the UK and in Europe. Le Corbusier's Unite d' Habitation share some of its features but to a much lesser and less diverse extent.

For several reasons such as changing UK government policies and funding its original concept was not fully realised and various additions over the decades have tended to make it a bit of a neglected hopscotch mix now.

It badly needs investment, upcycling and retrofitting.

It is the key landmark in the New Town and recognised all over the world."

- It speaks of a time of optimism, community and the original 20 minute neighbourhood
- The Brutalist experiment is interesting and a part of Cumbernauld's New Town history. But there's surely no need to preserve every facet of this outdated and unworkable 1960's experiment. However, don't completely demolish the past. At least keep the exterior of the bridge structure as a reminder of where Cumbernauld started it's life as a hub in the Central Region of Scotland.
- An eyesore
- Not Answered
- "The megastructure is an important part of Scotland's social and urban history. The megastructure is iconic: recognisable as the embodiment of the optimism and ambition of the time. A core part of the daily lives of the new community. To demolish it is to obliterate a key part of the vision of the designers for the overall town. Without the building at the town centre we lose a key understanding of the historic hope that new, and better, lives would be lived by a new community away from slums of Lanarkshire and elsewhere."
- "I would have thought that preservation of a structure would have been to show 'best practice' - this structure may have served a purpose and a vision when it was first opened but is literally an eyesore now. We should not be celebrating and retaining this structure, we should be accepting that it served a purpose at a time, was not flexible enough to move with the times, and is now not serving a relevant purpose. From a historical context - the purpose it serves it to show how it wasn't designed to adapt - and you don't need to preserve it to learn and teach that concept in the same way you don't need to have to consistently fight a 'lost' war to understand why you lost."
- The town centre needs to be knocked down and rebuilt. It's a complete eye sore to our town.
- The only historical interest is how bad it looks in the modern day.
- Disaster
- Nobody cares about this building, and those that do are stuck in the past. Let Cumbernauld move into the future.
- Demolish the buildinv asap
- "I wouldn't miss it if it suddenly vanished. As far as I'm concerned something of historic interest would be greatly missed by the vast majority of people if it was no longer there.



If people want to see what not to build, then take pictures and create a book of what used to be there. Add it to the Cumbernauld museum for people to visit and see what we had to put up with. Glasgow has demolished better buildings."

- It's a run down building which smells of urine, there is nothing historic at all about it
- Historical interest shouldn't hold places back
- As above
- Lived in Cumbernauld for 40 years, kids go to school here yet we know very little about it, if it was so significant surely we'd be more aware?
- Many buildings or blocks of flats across the country of a similar age are demolished. They are not described as special historic interest so neither should this centre be.
- I refer to my comments regarding the previous question. I would not be opposed to the idea of some commemorative gesture but completely opposed to retaining the building.
- Just because it's old doesn't mean it has historic significance, it just means it needs replaced.
- It is an eye sore and gives cumbernauld a bad reputation
- The building has been changed countless times since it's creation. How can you claim any historical interest when most of that history has already been destroyed? The building looks nothing like the original design apart from some rather awkward leftovers.
- I agree the town has an historical element because of the whole new town of the future scheme from the 1950/60s with the overcrowding in Glasgow and people moving to Cumbernauld from that reason
- It lost any appeal a long time ago
- Yes it has history however it is an eyesore as the building is not kept up to date being painted often
- Yes it was a new town but we don't live in that era anymore! It's a total eyesore now filled with depression!
- The town centre was built on a reactive basis and barely met the need of it's population at the time. Mistakes were made in its design and this shouldn't qualify it as a historical place of interest. If every mistake was recognised as of historical interest then how would towns and cities fare with new generations?
- The only historical interest would be to show architects how not to build a town centre
- Cumbernauld TC should only be treated as an architectural interest for interest on how NOT to build and design a retail space. It is no longer fit for purpose and is costly to maintain and as such is neglected and only maintained to essential standards only. If architect and design students wish to study it in the future I would suggest the TC is digitally mapped for this purpose as a reasonable alternative to visually inspecting the buildings.
- The building is falling apart and is a total eyesore. The facilities are not fit for purpose and the application is a sham to stop redevelopment into something that the community want
- I believe at the time of design it was a novel concept, however the main points that made it unique such as apartment buildings are not being used and therefore it did not succeed



- Cumbernauld town centre serves as a reminder of how not to build a town centre. The building and area has a horrendous reputation.
- It's just a shambles, the building is dilapidated, it's awful to navigate with a pram or wheelchair. It's cold, damp and very depressing
- It WAS a nice experiment but saying at it has basically been abandoned by the council since the 1980s then too little too late.
- It's an eyesore
- See above
- It has too many flaws and is taking up useful space where a stream flow shopping centre could be built which would benefit the residents and any tourists.
- There are loads of things of historical interest in Cumbernauld/NL this is not one of them it's a guide in how not to make a town centre for the people
- The town centre made Cumbernauld infamous rather than generating any special historic interest.
- It was only built in 1963 not great historic value
- The only historic use for Cumbernauld town centre is as an example of how not to build a good town centre
- It is now a mishmash of addons and partly demolished.
- Cumbernauld needs a facility that can best serve the community and as it stands at present the current building does not do this.
- It might have been nice to look at when it was first built, however times have moved on. It's a complete mess and the ordinary good people of Cumbernauld deserve better.
- It's not a historic building that people want to come & see. Certainly not a tourist attraction! For me historic buildings have something unique in how they are built & look.
- It is old, dated and can only be improved by being demolished. I can't see any benefits in this structure being maintained.
- It was a town built for a different way of life from Glasgow. It was a new and amazing concept but it now has no place in modern life.
- Again, it is of interest only if one is concerned with town planning and architectural failures,
- The original concept was interesting but years of neglect, underinvestment and obstruction of any progress by the owners of various parts of the centre have meant that any vision of a coherent centre has long since been lost. Historical interest in this failed experiment could be served by documentation and does not require the physical building.
- I don't think it holds any significance
- I live in Cumbernauld however not all my life. I find the town centre is an embarrassment. I do not arrange to meet friends here but use some shops if I have to. My 'go to' for local socialising is Glasgow Fort or Glasgow city centre.
- It has no history apart from being the "plook on the plinth"
- Maybe to academic design social history but not to residents
- There is simply nothing of historic interest about the whole town centre
- The only historic interest is in the amount of times it has been awarded the "carbuncle" award, or the amount of people who dismiss the merits of Cumbernauld as a town, based directly on its eyesore of a town centre.



- I don't believe this shows any sign of specific historic interest, other than being known as the ugliest town centre.
- Its an absolute dive.
- See answer to previous question
- This buildings historical significance belongs in a book. The people of Cumbernauld should not be punished by keeping this monstrosity because someone who doesn't need to live here thinks it's an important relic.
- "It's an eyesore, it's despised by the vast majority of residents.
The alterations & demolitions of parts of it over the years mean it no longer represents the original vision of the development & as it has not performed its original vision for a long time, it's not worthy of any protected notice.
The St Mungo's church next to it is a much better building for such a notice"
- Concrete jungle
- Just because a building has been there for a number of years doesn't necessarily translate into a historical or architectural monument. If that was the model there would never be redevelopment or renewal.
- It is only of specific historic interest of what not to do ever again.
- Same reasons as above - the town will never fully prosper until it has a useable, central hub for shopping and socialising
- not fit for purpose
- Only in so much as it shows what abominations were allowed to be built in the name of architecture
- The buildings are of no historic value whatsoever. A collection of dull units plastered together with no pleasing features at all.
- It's a failed social project
- Its only good to show what NOT to do with a town centre.
- It was built as a New Town, an overspill of Glasgow, it should be kept as a New Town, but to do that, it needs to be modernised, so no, I don't think the Centre is of special historic interest.
- It simply is not old enough to be of Historic Interest and any interest that it would have would be an example of something done wrong
- I see nothing of historical interest in this building.
- Cannot see any historical interest in the building at all. Anything that is associated with the history is easily available in archives online.
- Of no historic interest
- I'm sure there's many more centres in Scotland that are of more specific historical interest. And Cumbernauld already has a listed building in Our Lady's High School which is a better design and is already listed.
- No one in Cumbernauld truly believes that the building should be kept. The only folk who don't want to get rid of it don't reside in Cumbernauld because they don't need to look at it.
- See above
- I wouldn't classify the building as historic. Yes, it represents a specific period of Scottish history, but so does much of the rest of this town. The building, whilst interesting, is simply an eyesore.



- As my statement above, but I think whatever historical interest it had would be a disservice to the town residents if somehow it was kept, I can't speak for everyone but better for everyone if we moved into the 21st century.
- As a child of the sixties, the building was awful when it and the surrounding concrete flat roof buildings were built. It looks like pre Cold War housing in Russia. Feel so sorry for people that have to live there and look at the monstrosity that it is. There is nothing about it that is pleasing to the eye, this sentiment for sixties architecture is misplaced, the architects don't have to live here and look at it or shop in it. Get it gone.
- "Architects should have been sacked.
We have had to live with this eyesore long enough."
- It is a good example of futuristic plans for new towns. But the residents should not be forced to suffer its continued presence if it is not wanted.
- I think the history of the town centre is interesting and should continue to be preserved as it has been in the library on the top floor. If a new city centre is build it should pay homage to the old building and history of its new town origins.
- See above comments. I think although Cumbernauld was one of the first new towns and the expansion creating the town centre was and remains significant. However, that isn't indicated to the everyday observer instead it shows the lack of pride within the community of this building.
- Not used
- The megastructure was an almost unique building when constructed but that should not mean it needs to be listed. An indepth record of the building should be put together and a suitable archive selected where the records can be viewed by the general public.
- "As above.
It not fit for purpose"
- As above. It is disgraceful it is still here. A complete eyesore and blight on our town.
- To the majority of residents it is no longer fit for purpose and the only historical matter of interest would be how not to do it again
- It is used as an example of one of the worst carbuncles in the country. Being of historic interest only allows a building that is unfit for purpose to remain. It doesn't serve the use for which it was designed which was to be the "heart" of the town and to provide shops and facilities for the town and to be of benefit to its people and businesses. IF those who deem its historical significance is of such importance then perhaps they can fund its removal and reconstruction elsewhere and allow the town to have amenities that reflect the population and their needs in an appropriately designed building that reflects the town's current and future requirements.
- "I understand that the architect who planned the town & had it built had a vision in mind... that vision still exists. The only part of that initial plan that doesn't work anymore is the main town centre building... for all of the reasons named above.
We have the photographs to reminisce in the years ahead, but going forward we need to live in the here and now, and it's simply not fit for purpose anymore."
- As above.
- It's more an example of how NOT to build a Town Centre.
- Most communities have buildings that were built in the 60/70's, the town centre in Cumbernauld is an eye sore it wasn't too long ago it won carbuncle of the year to now say they want to make it a listed building is a joke



- It looks unsightly
- Only historic for the 60s building style and focused far too much on odd unique design, but it now brings Cumbernauld down by the sight and lack of upkeep.
- Was build more than 40 yrs ago, no longer suitably functional for a modern society
- There is no historical interest attached to the facilities and buildings. The interest comes from the statues and other display items within the buildings
- It may have won an Award back in the day (goodness knows why!) but we should be looking to the future.
- Other than being called a “carbuncle” there is no relevant historical interest
- Cumbernauld is so much more than it’s shopping centre. It’s history is richer than this building & I believe this centre is getting in the way of celebrating Cumbernauld real & authentic history
- None
- The Centre has no significance other than being a monstrosity, a reminder of how not to design, and of Local Authorities (and their Architects) who thought they knew better.
- I you think it is of historic interest, take pictures and videos of it before it is torn down and rebuilt. This town's residents seriously need a better much more modern town centre. It will be far more value to the residents as a new shopping centre than a "historic" one that people only visit when they have to because it becomes so run down.
- None - needs to be a modern functioning town centre for a growing population
- As above. Cumbernauld people do not want this building to stay standing and see the bigger picture with future plans and are happy for the future and for a new building for our children .
- I understand that Cumbernauld was one of the first town centres to be built, and therefore perhaps of academic historical interest, however that does not help local residents who would wish to use a town centre which has been well designed to provide a safe and attractive environment. There are many photos and models of the original building, which absolutely should be preserved for architectural historians to study and learn from.
- "Historical interest can be displayed with pictures.
You don't keep a rotting corpse of a relative around to look at when they die. They are still alive in your mind, heart and in pictures/videos.
The town centre has been dead for decades."
- "Cumbernauld will always be known for being a bomb site. It's houses as well as it's poorly designed buildings will always bring it down.
The only history you get from Cumbernauld is the clock that hides up inside the town centre rusting away, even then I'd rather watch paint dry."
- It's an eyesore and not fit for purpose
- Awful brutal architecture that doesn't serve the community
- Can't imagine why anyone would think positively about this monstrosity
- I agree it has some historical value in the design at the time; however, this could be demonstrated through displaying old photographs when the town was first developed NOT by suddenly deciding it's of historical importance after years of decline.
- I don't think this site is old enough or particularly a good example of the 1970's.
- "The town centre has no cultural history apart from the scent of urine in the dangerous slopes to either side of the bus station.



Cumbernauld already has historic sites, antonine wall etc and gains no benefit from this town centre being viewed as part of history apart from to be used as an example in a book."

- I have lived in Cumbernauld my entire life. The town is a great place to live, but it is overshadowed by this monstrosity. I don't ever recall a time when I thought Cumbernauld Town Centre was nice, but it is now an actively revolting.
- It a big mass of concert nobody wants it there
- None what's so ever
- It is of historical interest but is not usable now so the history and architecture could be preserved another way with a model in a museum perhaps. Not worth keeping this building, it is too far gone and not up to modern sustainable standards. Very cold place to work. Leaking in many places.
- Other than "this is how not to do things" Cumbernauld TC is of no importance or historic value. It can be written about in books and online about it's brutalism and design. But it would be damning to the future or the town to commemorate this by keeping the outdated structure.
- It represents a particular time in planning - doesn't mean I like it
- As above
- Get the bulldozers in.
- Same as above an eyesore difficult to navigate and not for for purpose
- No extent whatsoever. Its unused, unsafe, and has no great historical tales to tell.
- These questions are designed in a way that can most certainly be misconstrued and misrepresented for your own gain. It is interesting in the sense it formed part of a new town.
- See previous comments.
- The only historical interest is the initial reason for having new towns. This town centre has been in decline for many years.
- The centre has already been changed so far from the original design that what is left is a small part of what made it interesting in the first place.
- As above
- There is nothing iconic historic about it
- If it was of historic interest it would have been well maintained which it clearly is not.
- It is of its time, no more than any other building so therefore not special
- Same as above
- No reason, the structure is an eyesore
- As above
- The only thing that is historic about it is that everyone is aware of it winning the Carbuncle award in 2001 and 2005 and runner up in 2015. The only town to win twice and be shortlisted 4 times.
- The building has never been fit for purpose
- Really!!! Historically a laughing stock! People are moving out of Vietnauld as anything of historical interest is left to crumble or be vandalised.
- Same reasons as number 7 - also what is historical about a building built in the 1960/70's
- Same reasons as above
- A shopping mall is not of historical interest!



- Everything has historic factors. However this restricts the town and the history is of limited importance.
- How can something that is only 60 odd years old be HISTORIC.
- Same as above! It's awful!
- As above
- Going forward with the shackles of history holding us back prevents Cumbernauld from moving forward effectively. This building is a 60's architect's vision of the future, which hindsight tells us was fundamentally flawed and completely unsuitable for modern living. This is not Hadrians Wall or The Pyramids. It cannot be allowed to dictate Cumbernauld's future
- It just is not of any historic value
- In my opinion it was a mistake to build that monstrosity. We need to demolish it asap
- Apart from the small collection of historic items in the library there is nothing of note or worth in the town centre area...the items in the library can easily be rehoused to a nicer site.
- Sentimental value only. There is nothing historic about it appart from the memories we hold within ourselves as a child.
- It may be unique and probably of some architectural interest but it is literally a waste of space and looks very run down
- The building and it's annexes have zero historical interest whatsoever. Flatten it and start again.
- It's a new town, not a historic town.
- For something to be historic in needs to be at least 100 years old and this is not.
- It should be destroyed and forgotten.
- Typical of its time. Not unique or relevant I historical terms
- It does not reflect the needs of the large population of Cumbernauld. Its definitely time to look at the facilities and town centre.
- Perhaps how not to design a building. Aware it has been altered
- Nothing historically about it
- The building is ingot and there is nothing original left the appartments army used, what hotel? And if your lucking for a charity shop this is the place for you
- "I will say yes the centre has historic interest but I do not agree with it becoming a listed building.

The building is old, dated and an eyesore.

Half of the building is not in use and run down. It attracts vandalism and brings the whole town down.

A redevelopment is what we need."

- 60's and 70's architecture gives no pleasure to look at and internally it is not an appealing place to be. Retailers cannot sustain themselves with the lack of desire in the town to spend any time in it.
- "It is no longer fit for purpose, and is not a tourist attraction.
Any historical importance has been well documented so will not be lost."
- "Cumbernauld Town Centre is a dated concept that may, or may not, have worked at the time of Construction. However, it has quickly became dated and is now very very quiet. It's an uninviting area, under used and as such is having a negative impact on any regeneration plans for the area.



Most residents I know feel unsafe and avoid where possible.

Cumbernauld had expanded over recent the more recent years particularly with the significant developments to the North of the M80. However, the town centre offer has not serviced this boom. The architecture and structural layout of the Town Centre plays its role in this demise."

- I feel that if it was that important of a place, then it would have been better looked after.
- It's of no interest to myself
- It is an example in how not to use concrete to build entire buildings with. It can be used in literature and perhaps a museum as what not to build in future.
- I don't imagine that it will feature strongly in any historical books or records. A few pictures in a local booklet are enough to satisfy anybody who wishes to remember it.
- To architecture students and enthusiasts yes, but to the average resident, it is a joke. The town was given the Carbuncle award because of it.
- Can't see any reason why anyone could think of it as interesting. Maybe back in the day the architects thought it was a forward looking development but surely not now.
- "As above.
Nothing to be proud of. Needs demolished and updated to be in line with Antonine centre"
- No historic value to the town.
- Unless your wanting to teach the architects of the future how not to design a building then is had no use at all as a historical interest!
- It isn't!!! Plain and simple!
- "There may be an argument to the historic value/interest but this can be shared other ways. To keep this building as it is, in this day in age is backwards thinking. We need progress in our towns."
- As above
- It's an unmaintained mess
- It is an eyesore and dangerous as many places are soo isolated. Raise it to the ground
- See above
- At the end of the day it's a leaking mouldy building that has outstayed it's welcome. There are far better locations in Cumbernauld that are of more historical interest and importance.
- Historic, yes, but for reasons stated in the previous box, virtual preservation would be sufficient. The original building was m9re interesting than the piecemeal mess it became
- "The building is of modern design, from recent history. The future building should be designed with learning from the mistakes of this current building in mind. The modern historical nature of this current structure is an example of the negative nature and culture of Cumbernauld. Which I believe should not be celebrated, but removed with a new beginning in mind."
- It is in no way an iconic building, it is not part of any history related to Cumbernauld it's an embarrassment
- It's unsightly and really only interesting to very few people with specialist interest.
- It doesn't have any historic interest to myself on anyone I know



- Unless you are an architect with an interest in brutalist style buildings then I can't see why anyone would be remotely interested in the building.
- It might be to architects but it is not to the majority of people who actually live in the town.
- It's a big concrete block on stilts with random extensions at low level. The earliest memory I have of the building was drunks coming out the CDC social club.
- I don't consider they building only enough to of historic relevance nor is there historic significance to building that I am aware of.
- Cumbernauld town centre should not be protected just because it is an example of a certain type of architecture. It must serve the community. As someone who grew up in Cumbernauld in the 70s and 80s, the town centre was always a dismal place that thrived despite the architecture because there was nowhere else to go
- The only thing worth any historical use is the clock that tye managemof the town centre have kept hid away for years.
- However historic interest doesn't mean in a positive way
- There is no historic benefit to this town centre it's several different pieces of architecture badly put together perhaps for good architecture they might go see Princes Square. Disha perhaps go down in history as an example of bad community planning by various dysfunctional organisations rather than a single element of good planning
- Cumbernauld is a new town and this is a new town building. It is not nice to look at. It is dirty, falling apart and nobody is interested in it as an historical site to visit
- "The Centre was filmed in the movie Gregory's Girl, with the iconic, Enormous, analogue clock on the stairwell.
That's the only historical interest that I am aware of. I've not read any materials to find out any other special historic interests."
- The majority of Cumbernauld residents would prefer to shop elsewhere as there is nothing appealing in this centre
- The brutalist design may have been ground breaking at the time of construction but having grown up in Cumbernauld and used the town centre my whole life I can assure you that any special interest has faded into insignificance as the centre has slid into a state of dilapidation and decay.
- Again it's history is only really important to the people from Cumbernauld. Abrohill high was historically important because it f its part in Gregory girls and yet that was demolished! Do the same with the centre
- It is a source of local shame!!!!
- It's not of historical interest, it's only a few decades old.
- Its only fame is used as an embarrassment of Cumbernauld. And the only awards are the carbuncle.
- Same reason as above.
- Only of interest to those interested in architecture.
- Should be raised to the ground. There are plenty of photos of it for people to view in years to come.
- It's exactly the opposite and should only ever be used as a bad example.
- It's a shopping centre - there's no historical interest involved.
- Carbuncle awards - need we expand. It is an eyesore, a drain on the public purse. Take a photo, then take it down.



- Nothing historic about it!
- None whatsoever, for the reasons outlined previously.
- You don't need to see or be in the building to learn lessons eg don't build something so ugly and difficult to use
- Not in the slightest. We have areas of historical interest - Roman walls for example. This is an embarrassment.
- I think Cumbernauld Town Centre is an embarrassment to North Lanarkshire Council & it's residents. I don't think there is very many people who would come to Cumbernauld to see this building
- Agree but as per my last comment , but it can be honoured in other ways. Make a small replica for display.
- I live in Cumbernauld it is a disfunctional embarrassment.
- Having lived there, I can say it's of no historical interest to residents, people actively avoid it if possible. It's ugly and impractical and cumbernauld has other prettier historical locations like the Village. Please do not list this building.
- It's not something old that should be preserved.
- Seriously it is bricks and water and everyone hates it
- It was a good idea at beginning but more add on over the years didnt improve the look over the yrs
- This was a new town model built on ideas rather than plans.
- As a warning to never repeat this style of architecture again.
- There are some interesting examples of architecture in Cumbernauld - some of the housing remains interesting and there is a richness of public art around the town which should be preserved. But the town centre is not one of these examples, as well as just not being welcoming or fit for purpose. Preserving it would detrimentally impact on the future development of the town centre and impact negatively on lives of residents of Cumbernauld as our needs will not be met if this structure stays and any new development has to work around it, leaving less room for new facilities and civic spaces.
- The concept was good at the time but most people now think it should be demolished myself included
- Similar answer to 7 above. Too many different eras stuck together with no definition of a particular point in history.
- It is a concrete monstrosity which should never have been built.
- It's famous around the world for being an experiment, a brave attempt at doing something different.
- It is not historic. Its 1980s. Bar and Croy hill are historic and you aren't protecting those..instead building more houses!! Get rid of the building. Please.
- The reputation of the town centre is not positive.
- Though it tells of a period in history this period is well documented and photographed so therefore I believe it is unnecessary to keep the building for this purpose.
- It is laughable to think that people would flock to Cumbernauld to come visit the building as a historic site.
- "It is a relatively new building when it comes to ""historical significance""
It is primary function is to be a useful facility for the town. Not a piece of art to be looked at.



It is not fit for purpose and is an embarrassing blot on the town of Cumbernauld. As an experiment it may have been worth while, but not all experiments are successful."

- There is no reason this building should be saved. Only historic interest is the carbuncle awards it's received over the years.
- This is an urban project gone wrong
- It looks dated, dirty, depressing and a perfect example of something that style forgot.
- Please see above
- This building is a failed experiment from a bygone era. It is a eye sore and falling into disrepair. The whole community would benefit from a significant redevelopment of the site. Everyone in the local area that has the displeasure of using the facilities there knows it is not fit for purpose.
- Same as before
- The new town concept is possibly the only reason this is of interest historically. But this mega structure hasn't worked. It's never worked - it's always been draughty and leaky. Anyone who thinks it's of special interest clearly doesn't have to use it for shopping or leisure.
- It has badly deteriorated over the years
- The only historical interest I ever hear of is the pubs/clubs that were about in the 80's 90's and that's not worth saving the building for, people have their memories it's time to move on, bulldoze and rebuild with something modern.
- More Hysterical than Historical.
- It's not it's just an ugly building it should have been demolished years ago and a proper town centre built not the add on bits that have been happening for years
- I don't understand why a building of such poor design and quality - by modern standards - has any historical significance having been built in the 60s.
- The building is an embarrassment to the people of Cumbernauld and even people who have lived here for many many years would agree.
- It stands as a bad example, not one of merit. It represents everything that is wrong with human scale environmentally friendly sustainable living . It conforms to an ideology that is at odds with human wellbeing, namely that the car is king.
- "Once again. Gregory's Girl aside it's a shopping centre with many a personal history attached but historical significance?
Clutching at straws there. If the original plans or shelved expansion plans were carried out then it would have held far more significance."
- As said above, it has been well documented for future generations who can still learn about without having to see a physical structure.
- I didn't know anything about it or was ever told anything about it until I moved here.
- The only thing it may be known for is Gregory's girl.
- There is no more special historic interest in the town centre then there is in Cumbernauld as a whole. For towns to thrive, placemakers need to do adapt their area plans to high the current and future needs of the town, not cling on to an deteriorating build from the 70s, which is failing to attract retailers and footfall.
- Having worked in the Centre for seven years it was, even then (1970s), unworthy of retention. The "Golden Eagle" hotel which was part of the whole structure either 'collapsed' or had to be demolished - can't remember the details. The penthouse level was/is ugly and the passageway back then (and maybe still?) was effectively a public



toilet. To cope with the huge reinforced concrete structure there is an 'excessive' ratio of steel to aggregate. So, any hairline cracks will allow in ingress of water, then rusting, and then weakness.

- It's what the town is known for the big ugly building
- "It's historical only in the sense of showing how ugly the architecture of the the 1960/70s Really was"
- Cumbernauld is a great location, but has become the laughing stock of Scotland because of this carbuncle of a building.
- It has some historic interest but this can be reflected in archive images, plans, film footage, local authority records and media reports should the building no longer physically be there. It does not have special historic interest as a physical building.
- At how not to design any structure! Also it has become dilapidated over the years. It is an eyesore often referred to as the 'pound centre'.
- Gregory's Girl aside, it's of no historic interest
- As above.
- It's a 'pound centre' not a lot more than that. Gambling, drink, vaping all readily available.
- It needs to go
- "It is an eye sore and an embarrassment. It is severely neglected, dirty, smelly and run down.

Nothing historical about that.

I do have fond memories but now when I see it, we have got to move on.

As previously said if the big stick out bit that used to be flats could be saved. The rest of it should come down"

- There is no historic interest if there was why was it not common knowledge before it was decided to remove it.
- Its not special enough to preserve and list
- As above
- The Town Centre is an eye sore...a Carbuncle and is an embarrassment although NLC and others would like it to remain just to annoy the residents of Cumbernauld
- Cumbernauld is part of a number of new towns, and the building itself doesn't need to be there for the creation of these towns to be studied.
- There is no special historic interest in my opinion. If the town centre had remained with its original buildings then possibly however it has been developed over the years with other buildings demolished e.g. the Golden Eagle hotel
- Its an eyesore and I have memories in the old town center but it needs to go.
- It needs to function properly as a town centre. It can't in its current form
- New towns were undoubtedly innovative in their time, but also, as records show, a failed and abandoned experiment. Let them rest in peace and be allowed to redevelop and grow anew.
- I understand that it was an incredible structure when built. Other than that, it has no historic significance.
- Again, historically the buildings significance is documented, it does not need to serve as a monument to its past status.



- A historical record can be captured with photographs. The vast majority of residents like myself would like a much more practical and pleasant town centre to use.
- The building is over 50 years old however that doesn't suggest that it is of historical interest.
- It is only known now as an embarrassing eyesore. I can't imagine anyone visits to look at the architecture. We need more reasons for visitors to come in to Cumbernauld but at the moment I can't see why anyone would choose to visit unless you live in the local area for convenience.
- What's historic about a badly planned eyesore it's been rat infested since the CDC club and penthouse suites closed down so why now are they saying it's of historical interest. If it was why has it lain empty all these years?
- Maybe when first constructed it represented a new town but decades on it's the shame of the town.
- It does signify a certain time period, but can't be said to be usable in its current state
- "It shows a past that never should have happened.
It was built to stroke the ego of architects NOT for the public that are forced to use it."
- Gawping at mistakes at the expense of citizens of the town doesn't equate to historic interests
- Other than winning worst town centre in Scotland what makes this building historically significant? It is outdated, under used, under utilized, and poorly designed.
- "It is a relic of a past that deserves to be forgotten.
It was designed to stroke an architect's ego , not to serve the needs of the local community"
- This megastructure is an eyesore. It's an example of what not to do with a town centre.
- Historic? It's a dump. It's falling apart and needs knocked down and started from scratch. It is the laughing stock of Scotland,
- A town built to move people from the slums, which is in danger of turning into a slum itself. If failed buildings where of historic interest why did they knock down the tenements and high rise blocks. And all the other redeveloped city centres.
- It is poorly built concrete monstrosity
- It's an eyesore
- Having been born and raised in Cumbernauld, I have never heard anyone say anything positive about the building.
- Not all historic places are places that need to be kept, there is no benefit to the local community to have this part of our towns history preserved however I would love to see the museum kept within any new developments
- It's not historic but it's probably the only building that people think of when you mention cumbernauld and not for a good reason.
- It is one of five new towns of that generation. Therefore is not of special interest. It only represents a disappointment and embarrassment to the town.
- I think the building has some history but it is not old enough to have significant history.
- I'm in the let's start again camp
- I can't see the historical interest
- I do agree there is historic interest and should be recorded. But not saved as I have said in my last answer much of what was remembered and liked is gone. The building was



totally unique at the time and to an extent the same is true now. But now in a bad way. Think if a part of the new build mimicked the old building as a tribute would be good way to remember. Also there was some art installations in the think some were by Brian Miller too. If something like that could be redone I think that is better than watch the place crumble.

- It's well documented in books and journals. It doesn't need to remain for people to learn of its history
- None!!! 70s concrete. I grew up in another New Town-Irvine-so is the mall shopping area over the river Irvine also being considered? What about Livingston? This building is everything wrong with 70's architecture!!!
- People of town have put up with it for years we need something new and modern to bring community together
- Nostalgia has its place, and it is not here. Yes, people will have fond memories of their time growing up in and around the town centre, but investment in the buildings over the years has been completely lacking and the current disrepair inside and out leaves only one scenario, and that is the building should be replaced in its entirety.
- It's an eyesore and an embarrassment to the town
- Again, it is an eyesore of a building.
- There is very little history as it has never been used to the full potential. The clock is about the only thing and that has already been removed. So no there is no special history
- It's not fit for purpose. What revenue will historic interest bring the town. There are lots of historic sites around the town of more relevance. ie Hadrian's wall, etc
- I agree that it is old and historic but needs to come into the future
- Cumbernauld as a New Town was a socio-economic trial town, the town itself has been fairly successful in that it is a commuter town with great links to both Glasgow and Edinburgh. The idea of an indoor/shopping centre town centre, is fairly unique but that doesn't mean it has been a successful entity of the development of the town. We should not be flogging a dead horse but instead allowing the residents to gain a functional, pleasing space they can be proud to call their town centre.
- Time for something more relevant to be put in its place
- There is nothing of merit, bar for the WiFi.
- Whilst it's was an innovation back in the 60's time has moved on and the building does not provide the same facilities now
- As above
- it's not historic at all it's covered in graffiti and full of pound shops and bookies
- There is nothing in it to stir any interest in its history
- Again, it's only significant as an example of something to never do again however it is unfair to make residents continue to live with that.
- There were a number of post war 'New Towns' developed so Cumbernauld is not unique, nor is the brutalist architecture of its town centre.
- I guess it tells a story and is iconic but should only be preserved in photos.
- It only serves to show how NOT to design a town centre.
- It's been here a long time but people seem to love it or hate it. I have always thought it was ugly and out of place...I don't see this building being of any historic interest at all.



- Have you actually seen it? You would have to be INSANE to even consider calling this a place of historic interest! Try living with that overshadowing your life!
- I think Cumbernauld in itself is of historic history and does not need this building to remind people of this.
- Cumbernauld town is of no historical interest, our descendants won't think they've missed anything when they read about it.
- It's a eye sore and poorly designed not suitable or fit for purpose.
- It's been historically a joke since the early 80s.
- Have you seen it? It needs pulling down ASAP.
- The only historic interest that can be associated with Cumbernauld Town Centre is to look at 'how buildings should not be designed' and how a badly designed building can actually cause harm to a community.
- It is the worst example of poor design and is impractical. There is absolutely nothing to merit any architectural interest at all.
- No one that lives in Cumbernauld that I've spoken to see's it in a historical way. Most ppl like myself would like ot taken down and the whole area revamped.
- It is an example of terrible architecture, town planning and economic development. The shopping centre has been almost completely desolate for the past 20 years - perhaps only saved by major Asda, Tesco and other retail stores.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld all my life and feel no nostalgia other than, to remember how horrible and dated the inside and outside is and has always been even since I was a child. I now rarely go, only when I have to and would rather drive further for a more pleasurable experience.
- Many better buildings have gone. It's not practical to keep it.
- It is a failed experiment. This model of town centre has proved to be no good. There is no reason to preserve it.
- Understand it was somewhat of an experiment in the 60s however it is now holding the town back.
- I don't believe it is of much interest at all. We have photos and videos in archives that will help the memories of it stay in the minds of those who wish to see what it was.
- Build a model!
- This was not a good period of architecture and it has not aged well
- Places such as Cumbernauld Village are historically important the town centre is not.
- There is nothing historical about the town centre except the St Enoch clock which is not even a feature and is hidden away. Absolute waste.
- "Cumbernauld town centre was built in a time when the need for new housing outside of Glasgow to cope with over-crowding, drove decision makers to look for other areas to develop. Against this backdrop, Cumbernauld was developed.
The historic interest of the building is in its use over the years, most of which has been lost with the development decisions taken by the various owners. With the loss of aspects such as the apartment/penthouse living, the town hall closing, the adjoining hotel which was demolished, together with the various alterations and changes of use over the years, does not, in my opinion, grant the building any special historic interest."
- It's a new town. New suggests little history of significance



- I know that history is a subjective thing and you could argue that a concrete maze is a 'legacy' of the 1960s however I don't think the shopping centre has any merits of being of special historic interest other than how not to design a user friendly retail building.
- As a megastructure and a New Town town centre it is of historic interest, to a minority of academics
- Cumbernauld should have been developed around the village and Cumbernauld House. Real historic beauty that has been sold out from under the feet of Cumbernauld's residents.
- The Town Centre, is actually a mash of buildings that are outdated, leaking and broken parts. I mean, just to get to the other side of the bus stop is a cross country trek and anybody who is not from Cumbernauld would not know how to get there. the bridge that connects the two has been closed for years, why?
- Who would want to come and see this? Brings the town right down. Would rather drive past it and go to a modern shopping centre with free parking. Most of the building serves no purpose. Bus stops are a stinking mess.
- Area needs redeveloped. Dated and an embarrassment, do not know any other town centre that looks like it is stuck in the past like Cumbernauld
- Its an eyesore.
- Can't see anyone wanting to visit this building as it does not seem to have any historical links or interesting features.
- For the reasons above, it reflects a time period - however, this movement is widely recorded and photographed and the existing structure only partially represents this.
- It's interesting only as a warning from history. It is irredeemable both aesthetically and functionally.
- Appreciate people's attachment to the buildings but for the long term good and sustainability of the town, the whole space needs to be reinvented for wider community use and include plenty of amenities.
- It has history but this should be documented and not used as an excuse to keep it, especially as it declines in use and structure.
- It is a huge mashup of textured concrete, why would anyone consider it historic? Perhaps a historic mistake?
- It's a failed project and current residents shouldn't have to put up with this any longer.
- Do not know enough history to comment
- I just don't feel there is anything significant about it any more. Any good feature is no longer there or hidden away.
- Please be practical and realistic. This is a building in poor condition which nobody wishes to use. A shopping centre where retailers do not wish to trade. Where shoppers do not wish to shop. There is a chance for genuine town centre redevelopment to really support the town and community rather than to watch the gradual and entirely predictable decline and deterioration of a detested relic. There is nothing of historic interest and most is a metal shed. This consultation is a waste of public money and reflects a minority view which is contrary to the overwhelming view of those who live here. Let the local people decide and not a bunch of Edinburgh academics who do not have to live with the consequences of their decisions.
- It is of zero historic interest to Scotland and the wider world, widely condemned as an eyesore, with it's few supporters consisting mainly of elitist academics. Many of whom



live hundreds of miles away, have and will never see the building in person, and certainly don't have the displeasure of living under it's grim shadow.

- The town needs a “town centre”. However, it needs to be modernised and the building needs to be part of that too.
- It is not the best example that I am aware of of this style of architecture
- Not many buildings of this type to see anywhere, so I understand interest in it. Unfortunately I am a resident not a visitor.
- It has little to no history.
- There is no historic interest. The area doesn't prosper because people come to look at this beautiful historic structure. Instead the area suffers from neglect as people actively avoid going anywhere near the building
- It's a shopping centre that is constantly changing to adapt to the needs of the users
- It was unsightly when first built and never popular. It contains shops, not history. Make new history by building an accessible, attractive, functional space for the residents of Cumbernauld.
- Apart MAYBE for the high level flats, which appear unique and could possibly be retained in any future refurbishment or redevelopment, the remainder is of NO special value whatsoever. Concrete can be a problem and maybe even these costs may have to be checked out structurally to determine if they will stand the test of time.
- Historically the town centre was an important part of the local population's social past. I imagine many a courting couple met at the old Enoch clock etc.
- It is of historical interest but that interest has been eroded bit by bit. The only bit left now that shows any reference to the original design is the penthouse structure.
- The town centre is of its time but that doesn't make it special
- The building does not generate tourism due to its architecture, keeping it continues to degrade the town. No-one outside Cumbernauld visits the town centre for shopping, the residents of Cumbernauld go out with Cumbernauld for shopping. There is no historic significance to the town centre
- It hasn't been around very long, and nothing historic has happened there so don't see how it would be of special historic interest.
- As a local resident none
- It has no historic interest at all
- It's time to move on I am for protecting buildings that have historical and cultural significance. This building is not pretty in the slightest and does not in anyway meet the needs of the community
- Most of the historical bits of Cumbernauld town centre has been taken away from the statues to architecture. The building used to connect everything together from the Asda that was up next where the clock used to be to the ramp that led down to the tryst, that has been demolished. There used to be a passageway under the through road between the bus stances that has been boarded up for years.
- It doesn't have history. It's just representative of how it can go wrong.
- There are plenty of properties that need the help of Historic Environment Scotland. Please don't waste your money on this. I pay my monthly subscription to your cause and think this is not the direction you should be heading.
- Only the town Village has any historic significance.



- It may be of interest, but that interest is not as important as people's lives. Surely the present day and people's mental health, the reputation and stereotype of Cumbernauld is first and foremost?
- As above
- It's an eyesore no historic interest whatsoever.
- It is absolutely terrible to look at. The building brings down Cumbernauld and is an embarrassment to the whole area. It needs knocked down so we can have a nice town centre that we can be proud of.
- It does not function as a concept (lack of utilisation by public), nor retain any significant features (best efforts are made to hide/blend in the brutalist features that most find unsightly) that support the argument that it is a unique example of a single-structure town centre.
- It's an old building which is always cold and dingy, badly needs revamping or knocked down
- This can no way be classed as historic interest. Stirling and Edinburgh castle is historic interest not this hideous building.
- "Again it's an eye sore and the older generation who see it as historical are once again pulling the social and economic ladder up behind them making it harder for the next generation. They remember the town centre at its peak and the "" new town"" however the reality of it now is far from that and in years to come it will yet again be left to the younger generation, an eyesore with lack of facilities and again money will be spent out with the area of Cumbernauld. Think of how many houses are in Cumbernauld. How much families and money is in the area yet we all travel away from here, even away from Lanarkshire to Falkirk and Glasgow for recreational and shopping facilities. Keep money local. Give our children a reason to stay in Cumbernauld and invest here. I travel outside for things like swimming, (Falkirk and Coatbridge) cinema, walks, parks (the helix, Strathclyde park) and shopping."
- I took a Polish friend to the library on the third floor one day. She grew up in Poland under the communist regime and commented that this part of the town centre reminded her of communist era buildings of her childhood. This is not a good thing. It's depressing. It's even more depressing having to use the facilities on a daily basis.
- As per my previous answer an often quoted explanation for the importance of history is to learn from mistakes. This monstrosity could certainly do this but via photographs and videos would be sufficient.
- I think it would've been of historical interest but most of it is not the same as the design, it no longer works, how many people visit the area for historical reasons at the moment, it's not marketed as such so I don't expect there is enough evidence to back up that statement
- It was built for the overspill but was and never be iconic.
- The design of the buildings is haphazard and ugly. The community would benefit from their being razed to the ground and a new facility being constructed, in modern design in keeping with a modern shopping facility
- The only interest this building should be is as a cautionary tale of how not to do it. That can be easily achieved by records : photos, documents etc. retaining the physical building would be unnecessary.



- "There are plenty of archive photographs and film documenting the Town Centre - it will not be lost and forgotten.
It is not Edinburgh castle.
It is not Glasgow cathedral.
There are no shops that people want to shop at there anymore due to high rent costs and poor aesthetics."
- It's always been an embarrassment and from the very beginning, was unwelcoming and chaotic
- "It has no special historic interest... it's got as much historical interest as the coupe down in Wardpark.
Please please please don't let one person ruin everyone else's chance to have a town centre we can be proud of and, more importantly, will be happy to use."
- It can't be classed as a proper town centre because it is a rabbit Warren and locals deserve better.
- "Looks dreadful
Ugly building"
- I'd like to know exactly what's historic about it
- It's a shopping mall with no historic association.
- There's nothing historically about this building it's well none the worst town centre and ugly needs rebuild Cumbernauld needs more it's a fast growing town so needs a town centre to be proud off
- It has been ridiculed for years. It needs to be replaced. As mentioned any interest in it has been of negative context.
- It's had its time. Send in the the demolition crews and create something modern and future proof.
- Cumbernauld town centre would be a black mark against Scotland if it was to be regarded as historically of interest. The failed Socialist principles of post war Britain created these brutalist designed buildings and were not desirable at the time of building and are even less desirable now. These buildings unfortunately never came close to ticking any of the boxes the population of Scotland needed or wanted, these brutalist designed buildings are definitely not historically significant, the very reason the high rise flats in Cumbernauld have all been demolished.
- Concrete jungle
- It is an eyesore
- We have been awarded one of the worst town centres. We are a massive community and deserve a decent shopping centre.
- It might have some historic interest. But we could look at it as a picture in new museum. Take lots of pictures and pull it down!!!
- It was historic but not in a good way. Demolish it and replace it with a more traditional style town centre.
- Again, there is nothing historic about it, other than learning that there are certain structures that perhaps do stand the test of time and others that do not. Cumbernauld is renowned for the town centre but only in a negative way. It does not meet the needs of the population. From the outside the town centre is depressing and on the inside it is disjointed, dark with little natural light and does not have the types of shops that would attract customers or any desirable leisure facilities.



- Nothing interesting about it.
- There is nothing of any architectural significance or anything aesthetically pleasing about this building
- Again, does the fact it was the first undercover shopping centre in Europe merit saving it? I don't think so - you can't keep the first 'everything' just because of that reason alone. The building is no longer fit for purpose and having had a shop there myself some years ago, I'm aware of various projects to try and improve it but many were abandoned because it was simply too expensive to renovate. The building is falling apart and if there aren't the funds to properly protect it, then you need to cut your losses and start again.
- It was one of the new town developments, post-war to take Glasgow overspill. It saw lots of people enjoy a modern future.
- As above
- The building has some interesting history but this is not of national interest and can be preserved in much better ways than as a physical building, connecting the story of this building to the wider story of Cumbernauld. As a building, this history is not known so the building itself does not provide the context required to showcase this history.
- I consider the building too new to be historic and with the lack of places/facilities such as pubs and restaurants there is nowhere that people have been able to create emotional attachment through memories except from possibly Paps nightclub. There has also never been any events to make the town proud of what it is.
- It is a total eyesore
- It's an example of bad planning and the town needs to move past its poor reputation. Redeveloping the town centre is long overdue and would make a huge difference to our town.
- It's from a time in architecture that people want to forget. These buildings were not suitable for Scotland's culture or climate
- The building represents an architectural view that has not delivered what was intended. It represents outdated social engineering that has created a dismal and unpleasant urban environment.
- The building should continue to be discussed as a 'historical thing' for future children growing up in the town and what it meant to the generation of the 70s.....
- It's a structure that is not fit for purpose and retaining it is not practical
- There are some aspects of the town centre that may be of historical interest, the clock, etc. However, its way out of sight is wasted. The structure of the centre with the porthole windows, I understand this is of architectural interest, from a historical interest point of view, some things belong in the past and don't need to be brought into the future vision of the town. Some areas of the centre feel unsafe.
- As an experimental design, the town centre is of architectural interest but much of what was interesting and new in the materials used and in the layout has been destroyed over the building's lifetime (see my previous comment). The building has become a shell that does not reflect any of the original aesthetics or functionality. I have outlined in a previous answer the failures of the building, add to that the destruction of much of what made the architecture interesting, there is no case for keeping the building as it is not wholly authentically representative of the original experiment. Previous iterations of the building have been well documented and there is a role for HES in documenting what remains before demolition.



- It's had its day and is no longer fit for purpose. By all means put some relics like the clock in a museum.
- It marks a period in time when fast growth of an area was needed. There is nothing unique about that, there were at least 10 other towns being "made" at the same time. Yes the structure is unique but historical? No
- The building does not work for the people
- It is unusable as it is. Being old doesn't give it a credibility.
- It might have been applauded for its architecture when built but that didn't last. It's only interesting for how much folk laugh at how ugly it is.
- It is a straight jacket preventing the town from growing
- It is a concrete carbunkle
- No historic interest as designed and maintained.
- The current town centre is mocked by people all over Scotland. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better.
- Most of it lies empty and impossible to keep the rain out, it's not watertight.
- Why would a 1960 structure be of any importance.
- I know of nothing here of historical interest.
- Again, it does have historical interest but shouldn't have protected status
- "Historical?"
Hysterical that anyone ever thought it was a good design"
- It's old and was important when it was first built but now there is no historical interest.
- From a historical point of view, there is adequate documentation and illustration. The only justification for maintenance of all or some of the structure is to show how not to do it.
- In the beginning it was in keeping with the new town, but for many years it has been in decline and so many changes have been made that the original concept was lost many years ago. The town needs a new centre on this site, not more alterations to a structure which has failed to meet the needs of the town.
- None
- It has won many awards for being ugly and dysfunctional.
- It is brutalist... For those of us who live in Cumbernauld, there is a sense that we are not good enough, or not worth investing in, when we are constantly faced with a grey, damp, incoherent town centre.
- Whilst I accept the concept of the town centre "megastructure" is of historical interest the actuality contains so many faults partially due to so many design faults and also having never been completed as originally intended mean its preservation would simply serve as a warning to others and remain as an eyesore condemning the town to further opprobrium
- I appreciate at the time it was built it was groundbreaking but it has not aged well. Nor has it proven to be adaptable to current needs. It makes no sense to keep something that is now not working for the community, just because it was unique 60 years ago.
- Residents want good shops. Great eating places. Not an eyesore of a building
- It was an architect's dream at the time. Clearly one with no idea of how the town would expand and the population increase so. IT IS NO LONGER FIT FOR PURPOSE AND SHOULD DEFINITELY GO!



- Only to show how not to build a structure, and why a structure should be maintained properly in order for it to be useful for its whole structural life. These things can easily be documented and saved for future the actual building does not need to be kept, costing the local government money which could be better spent
- "I have for much of my life (now 47) been an advocate for preserving brutalist architecture in Britain. I fought for Birmingham library to remain, I am originally from there and always felt the building had a truly great aesthetic and functional use, it always gave me a wow feeling to walk through it and use it. However it was eventually demolished and has been replaced with new and shiny building, which I quite like also. I first heard of the Cumbernauld megastructure in the 90s and was one of the reasons that I was excited about moving to Scotland and working in Cumbernauld and also in the building itself as a retailer.

I do believe that good architecture should be celebrated and some preserved as a stamp in time to demonstrate changing ideas and ways of living. However after working in and using this structure everyday for a few years now I have come to realise that this structure does not work, its function as a community space DOES NOT work, in fact I would go as far to say it has no redeeming functional use, it is a building that when walked around leaves you with a feeling of unease, loneliness, its hard to see how it ever worked for the community, try and find the library without using a lift and you will see what I mean, it is empty and reminiscent of dangerous underpasses where no one wants to go.

The only significant design element is the top level, which has lost its impact due to the add ons and adding over the years to the megastructure, this element is lost and was never the best example of brutalism any way. I believe that really the only demographic that this building has that would see it as special are local people who may have a nostalgic emotion for childhood experiences here, it doesn't in my view hold any significant architectural value nation wide that can't be preserved in photographs and in books of how not to design a community space.

I do surprise my self with how I feel, but after being here for the last 5 years and have now understand that the people of Cumbernauld need more, they need a town that works for the community because at the moment Cumbernauld is a hangover of a once brave new world experiment of which I applaud but has ultimately failed, Cumbernauld needs deserves to be given a opportunity and not left resting in the grave yard of failed town planning. let it move on, developers and council planners did many years ago and now it is a Frankenstein of its original 50s utopia. lets put it out of it misery and try something new."

- Again only as a salutary tale of what not to do.
- There are far better, unaltered examples of mid-century brutalist architecture throughout the country that are still attractive and worthy of preservation. Cumbernauld Town Centre is not one of them. Only sad remnants of the original concept still remain and it is time for them to go and make way for something new and attractive that might actually be worthy of preservation by future generations.
- I do not consider the megastructure to be of any historical interest at all,
- It was the first indoor shopping centre. And like many firsts has been greatly improved in other places. Nowadays it's not fit for purpose but I do understand the historical significance, which can be documented in books, films, via virtual reality. The idea was novel and should be celebrated but that does not mean the building should live on.



- It's known as an embarrassing mess to people
- See above. Brutalist architecture is an eyesore combined with the years of neglect that have plagued Cumbernauld Town Centre
- Not fit for purpose, needs updating for change in people's work life balance. Not inspired to shop or dine there anymore
- It is of some historic interest, but mostly to the architectural profession
- "The only historical importance this site has is as an exercise in ""don't ever build an eyesore like this again!""
- The Town Centre has made Cumbernauld a laughing stock, all over the UK. It even won the Channel 4 TV show ""Demolition"" on a public vote!
- We have the technology these days to capture plenty of details about the building for those who are deeply interested. The cause of preserving history should not come at the price of functionality and much-needed resources for an often-neglected town."
- Only as an example of how not to design a building EVER!!!
- There is no historic interest in the building who actually uses parts of it?
- As above
- The answer is simple, it is simply not of any historic interest other than the media coverage it got at the time of creation.
- The history of Cumbernauld is in the people who live in it, not in a building which is highly deteriorating
- The only historic significance is that it is one of the early New Towns. Cumbernauld has grown greatly since then and most people travel to other areas, unless for necessary shopping, for a better shopping and cultural experience.
- It's an architectural eyesore with no historical value and is fairly inaccessible and not fit for purpose
- Nil. Not fit for purpose
- No historical interest at all
- It's an eyesore of a building and nothing significant has happened here
- Nothing historic from it needs completely remodelled
- None whatsoever to the majority of people who live in Cumbernauld and surrounding places and is of no use to anyone
- Perhaps in the days of the initial build, however the town has grown so much in the decades since it is no longer fit for purpose, and is unsuitable for modern day living, and is quite frankly an eye sore.
- As above
- The Cumbernauld town centre is a disaster and in great need of being revamped. Have a look at Livingston and there is your starter.
- "The building is an eye sore. The fact someone has applied for this to be a listed building dumbfounds me. I can only assume they have an agenda so that funds are redirected to somewhere which actually means something to them.
Bring it down and start over.
Cumbernauld has a growing and varied population which would support a fit for purpose town centre."
- The only reason I could see it being of interest for is the number of charity and pound shops!



- Place is a outdated eye sore with below average shops and is in serious need of updating
- Maybe in the 70/80s but not in the 2000s
- It's out of date, in disrepair, cold and draughty. It belongs in the past.
- The Town Centre should be demolished. The people deserve better.
- The images of how the town centre used to look can be kept for the archives. There is no historic value to how it looks in its current state.
- there are other more worthy areas in cumbernauld i.e. the village etc.
- The building is of no historic importance at all.
- Cumbernauld is slowly starting to move with the times and the most notable thing holding it back is the town centre, this town should be aiming for future development rather than dwell in the past.
- The building is falling apart. The only interest it brings at the moment is people mocking it and the rest of the town by association.
- It had no historical features or anything of interest to look at
- Again, I don't see how this particular part of Cumbernauld has any historic interest. It needs to be modernised.
- it was ugly when built and has not gotten any better
- People view it as an embarrassment, the centre is an example of what not to do. The people living here should have access to a proper town centre.
- The only reason it's being stated that it's of architectural significance is because the current landlords are trying to block any development and have invested nothing in the centre for years. The only element of significance is the St Enoch clock which was placed in an are with initially limited access and is now not accessible at all
- The only historic thing about this building is that something so ugly has been left standing for so long.
- think it was unique to its time but not worth keeping now as doesn't work for these times
- The majority of Cumbernauld hate the centre and would happily see it updated and changed.
- Lots of new houses being built. Cumbernauld needs cinema, bowling, recreational, restaurants, bars, leisure facilities. Local people should not have yo travel for these purposes
- None it was a town built back in the day to accommodate the overspill from Glasgow
- Nothin historic about it
- Keep photographs of it to ensure that no-one else designs such an eyesore in future. As for keeping it for history - whos going to pay for its upkeep. If its no-one then that will cause it to fall into further disrepair and become unusable which is no use to anyone.
- It is brick and water. Nothing special and needs flattened
- I don't think it has any historical significance. It's a relatively new town.
- It's 70 years old at most with very little accolades to its name other than for being ugly.
- The brutalism of 1960s architecture should be buried in a pit where it belongs. It is little wonder that Cumbernauld could not tempt major retailers into this structure.
- Nothing eventful happened in the building nor did anyone special ever visit.
- It was the 70s. It was a 70s experiment. It failed. Time to move on. We covered the mines because people live here. Let's sort out the town centre, because people live here.



- No community benefit to be of historic interest
- "We've had many town centre experiments. If it had been a runaway success I could understand it's ""special"" historical interest.
However, this can be served as well by making a record of the building - even in 3D.
But ""the needs of the many outway the needs of the few"""
- Eyesore
- "This is not a historic building by any means, residents don't view it this way, aside from it built in the 1960's.
Unless a building being old makes it significant, there is no reason to protect this facility other than sentimentality, none of the existing shops exist and the buildings interior has changed so extensively since first opening that I doubt it's recognisable to those who were there when it first opened it's doors."
- One ugly building .
- As above
- I think the very opposite is the case the town centre in no way encourages visitors or indeed locals to enjoy the area
- It was a new town development that failed the new town
- "I genuinely don't know enough about the history but my feelings about the structure do not entice me to find out more.
While I enjoy going round places of historic value I don't believe knowing the history here would change my feelings."
- I believe that it is a social experiment that did not consider society. This is the essence of where it went so badly wrong!
- it was built to Pacific to the time. we have learned a lot in architecture since this period. and we have had to change to much for the environment and for the community (all inclusive - wheelchair pram access less able bodied access) this building as it stands is very unfriendly to used bit fit for today's purpose
- Please see my previous answer. We need a functional, useful building that will adequately serve the community. Preserving a load of concrete has no merit.
- As above ... of it's time
- I don't think it has any historic value it is a concrete jungle built in the 60s
- The town has historic history in relation to Roman settlements and is a great town for motorway commute to towns and cities. But it offers NOTHING for the residents of the town. We are the only town I know in North Lanarkshire that does not even gave a Christmas tree up in the town. It's has no soul.
- "It may have been built as the centre of a new town, but that town has chnaged and expanded now and so must the building and if that means knocking it down to provide this, then I am happy for it to be done.
I can understand why some people want it to stay but does it really look anything like it did when it was built? Too many other areas have been removed or altered."
- There are few people left here who know anything about awards it won when first built. It is an out of date eyesore that is not fit for purpose.
- It s a monstrosity. Hate having to access it and only use it when really have too. It's a concrete jungle . Have hated it since it was built . Don't live in Cumbernauld but 5 miles away in Kilsyth so our main shopping centre but I would go anywhere before I go to Cumbernauld town centre as hate it so much . A real carbuncle.



- The centre has won the award for the worst town centre on numerous occasions . If you ask the residents the people who actually use: shop there they hate it / are embarrassed by it , we are in the top ten most inhabited places in Scotland. Let's give Cumbernauld something to be proud of . It's new town not everything worked first time , embraced what is good but get rid of what does not work 60 years on , the world and the community have moved on
- It is a prime example of dated architecture- send anyone interested to Glasgow university to have a look at their similarly horse sous maths building and give as a functioning town centre.
- Consign it to the history books. There is nothing of historic interest that requires to be preserved.
- This building has been slated for many years, people are embarrassed by it so I don't understand why anyone would want to keep it.
- It people love it enough the can rebuild it somewhere faraway from Cumbernauld.
- Its not maintained and no responsibility for it to be restored and then maintained. Nothing positive going for it its just concrete not suitable for people needs now. Shopping malls are obsolete now. The rate are too high as it is for shops if money is getting put back in to restore. Waste of time money not fit for purpose
- Its history is over a very short period from the mid-1960s to the present day. Not really worthy of note in Scotland's rich history.
- There is no special interest in Cumbernauld Town Centre for me personally and many folk I know agree too.
- The building has been described as ugly and designed for cars as below the building has car parks that aren't safe to be by yourself. By preserving this building would only serve as a poor example of architecture that hasn't improved through time.
- There is no value in preserving a failed experiment. Any historical interest and lessons can be taken from the extensive documenting of the building throughout its life.
- See previous answer. Most people who want to retain it do not ir never have lived in the town.
- As I noted above eye sore built in the wrong place did someone get a backhanders.
- As above
- See previous comment
- I am aware of the arguments of historic interest, but as far as I understand the town centre was never even properly finished and it shows. People have come to see the town centre simply because it was voted the ugliest building in the UK which makes me feel ashamed to say I live in Cumbernauld. It should not be listed. (Also, see above my answer to question 7.) There is so much rich history in the area, even the site of the old Cumbernauld Castle (which was one of the biggest castles in Scotland) and The village, both of which I personally find being of special historic interest. The town centre buildings have an interesting history, but not in a sense they should be preserved.
- I feel that winning the carbuncle award of worst town due, mostly, to this building is not history that we want to celebrate. Other places have long gone from the centre - I don't need the building to remember them. The building, as it stands, is just a historical reminder that cumbernauld as a towm has been badly neglected over the years
- Is it to be used as a lesson on how not to design a town centre?



- The only historical interest would be as a lesson to future architect's never to design another concrete monstrosity like it.
- It is an eyesore
- It is a collection of phases of building each different and thrown together to meet an evolving demographic. It is neither fit for purpose nor design. If someone was to design a town centre for Cumbernauld it wouldn't be anywhere near the brutalised monument that it currently is. Asking us residents to continue with it to satisfy the whims of an architectural what not to do I think is wrong.
- There may be some academic interest but certainly not of interest to residents of Cumbernauld
- I can't see any historic interest in it.
- It's an eyesore
- No historic interest, other than to serve as a hideous warning to town planners everywhere
- The historical context is one of destroying communities and moving them out of the city into an alien environment with buildings that have no link to tradition, continuity or usual building materials.
- "Cumbernauld as a new town is of interest.
The town centre itself is of no consequence and indeed an example of flawed ideas that have hampered and held back the development of the town."
- It's an absolute eyesore and laughing stock of western Scotland, demolish it and give us a functional town centre that people actually want to go to.
- We have records to reflect on buildings of historic interest, where the buildings no longer meet the needs of the community.
- Have heard many times of listed building but in all honesty it's past its best its falling apart
- See above. It is an embarrassment.
- It holds no interest for me, and I know of no one who does not share this opinion
- As per previous comment.
- I don't see anyone visiting Cumbernauld Town Centre for any historical reason now or in the future, except to wonder in astonishment why the building wasn't demolished if it is still standing in years to come.
- The only historic interest is a mistake never to be repeated again.
- It's a new town only around 50 years ago. It's poorly designed with lots of wasted space
- No historic interest whatsoever the only historical thing is that Gregory's girl was filmed at the big clock which is now hidden away where members of public can no longer gain access too
- It's too young
- It is of no historic interest as it's a blight on the landscape
- The building does not represent the town or its history. It was merely an unusual shape which was impractical and not fit for purpose
- The structure has been thoroughly described and recorded. Prior to any demolition, any aspect which is believed to be unrecorded or unobserved could easily be documented. It's as historically significant as a collection of crumbling cinder blocks.
- It is nothing short of a useless outdated hotch potch eyesore now .



- The planning design for the town centre and feeder districts like Seafar and Condorrat are ugly, grey, monotonous and dispiriting. Although there is a substantial amount of greenery around the town with mature trees. The design of the barren districts alienates people and the ugly concrete carbuncle of a town centre with woefully insufficient facilities for harnessing community spirit, gatherings, social enterprise, open concerts and public arts, whilst focussing overwhelmingly on retail and shopping within a highly unappealing, unattractive facade does the town absolutely no favours whatsoever. Growing up in the 70s/80s there, albeit under the oppression of Thatcher and conservatism, the town centre offered our only real sports and retail facilities and a cinema. But it always felt limited at best. It had one night club riddled with drunkenness and violence. The layout bred anti social behaviour and gang culture with too many hideaways and getaways that bred bad behaviour towards shopkeepers and bored youths. It needed far more vibrant, appealing, flexible, open spaces that truly inspired young and old, including music venues, studios, arts and crafts and so on. Whilst it's grown substantially since then with more retail outlets, it still feels like a soulless retail mall. And quite sad. I still feel depressed looking at it and walking through it. Coming towards it - especially down the central passageway to the bus stops - almost feels like going to some dodgy factory or prison!
- The history of this building is not a good one. Any parts of the building that people have good memories of have been ruined by the fact that many parts of the building have been out of use for many years and left to rot.
- "I understand it is unique but it is not a happy looking building. It's not nice to look at and is run down inside.
- Not many people go.
- it is so enclosed and really needs a revamp.
- My view on a town centre is open space friendly looking buildings.
- It would clear the sky line too if it was not so bulky , from the outside it looks like a big concrete block with containers attached."
- I cannot see why this would have any historical value. We need a better central hub for the 21st century.
- It is a poor design that takes up more space than it provides inside. The only interest people have ever had is to talk about it negatively in my experience. Even when I lived elsewhere I knew from people talking about it due to its ugliness.
- It is off putting to visitors
- There's nothing special about it, it's a concrete monstrosity
- It is only remembered for being terrible and an eye sore
- The town has little historical value, therefore the building has even less. Its an eye sore and I believe has been identified as a 'carbuncle'
- It's of no interest! Tired. Dated and hideous!
- Arguably because it was such an early example of a covered shopping area it will be of some historic interest. But, I think there are more appropriate ways to preserve that history, via photographs, plans etc.
- It's outdated and falling apart
- It has no special historical value what so ever
- It's not historic, it's an example of new town planning gone wrong
- It is too new to be of historical interest



- It's an eye sore and dirty inside and out
- It offers nothing of historical interest, a building that is in total disrepair bringing nothing to the community
- It is an eyesore. Demolition is the only answer
- Iconic of planning mistakes
- It is an eyesore I never understood why this building won any awards in the past. It has been bestowed with the carbuncle award. This I agree with.
- Many say it was the first of its kind and an experiment in building a different kind of town centre - moving away from the high street approach - but I feel that these are people who have not had to live nearby and make use of the facilities. I feel it was very much a failed experiment.
- For all the same reasons noted above.
- The local community who live work and play near it, despise it. It is beyond redemption.
- People avoid it and certainly do not come to see it or promote it as an asset.
- Technically it is interesting, but only in the sense that historic war is interesting. It is interesting for a bad reason.
- People today from other areas still laugh when they ask you where you are from and you tell them Cumbernauld. Cumbernauld has grown so much and there are beautiful walks, but if I need anything I go to Glasgow Fort which in turn doesn't help the local retailers.
- None, zero.
- As above. Whatever 'vision' was involved in the planning of this was seriously flawed, and has not transferred well to current times. I grew up near to Cumbernauld and even as a child, had a visceral loathing of it. It filled me with dread then, and still does if I'm forced to go there. It always feels alien, random, jumbled somehow, and, despite the ugly presence of the centre, Cumbernauld has never felt to me as though it HAS a centre. Buildings shouldn't just be about architecture and form/function, the human, personal element is important.
- "The project was a failure like the Red Road flats. It did not work for a Scottish community. Keep 1 big slab of concrete from phase 1 superstructure in a glass case in a museum for posterity - much like the Berlin Wall.
- Architecturally it has no merit. Not brutalist enough to be visually interesting.
- From an engineering POV it has leaked like a sieve for 35 years so a complete failure on that count also."
- The town centre as such really had its hey day in the 1980s and has been in descent since then, there is little positive value. In today's audiovisual-tech world, the Town Centre could be appreciated (for those who feel it has worth) through a permanent exhibition of its lifetime, its role. For the residents of the town, architects, town planners, testimonies, photographs etc.
- Outdated ugly architecture. Expensive to maintain and difficult to access area of it.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld my whole life and I can attest that 99% of people who live there think the town centre is an eyesore. It's not fit for purpose, a complete warren, and is detracting from what could be a vibrant centre if the whole structure was demolished. If it was compared to other new towns then Cumbernauld centre has been neglected and everyone is now chained to a listed building that nobody wants.



- It was maybe a building of significance in its day but by today's standards it is just ugly and not usable for today's needs
- It is a laughing stock! There are very few amenities left, does not and cannot attract investment or provide for its population for now and in the future.
- It's just terrible. No one would ever want to remember it
- At the time yes the design and the structure was different from most new towns but over the years it has become a eyesore its had its time I think .
- an example of using concrete? surely there must be better examples of design using concrete? Not this!
- It's a concrete block, it has no features to make it something that we should take into the future with us
- Badly designed and planned not fit for purpose. Poor facilities , lighting and safety features limited access.
- Other than being testament to when town planners couldn't care less, what other historic interest could there be?
- It's a good example of brutalist architect and should be recorded in both digital format (CAD/BIM) and photographic format for future generations.
- It's not fit for purpose, the people of Cumbernauld that can choose do so by shopping elsewhere, their money should stay in Cumbernauld and provide jobs for our local economy by having an appealing TC and sports centre/swimming pool. If travelling by bus navigating the TC is very poor especially if it involves carrying shopping - not at all handy!!
- Similar reasons as above.
- Cumbernauld is regularly ridiculed because of its 'town centre' buildings. Surely its time to remove this blight from its future?
- "Nobody locally wants to retain the town centre building, many of the centre units are empty or abandoned because of the poor layout and construction of the centre. It needs demolished and we need to start again."
- See my previous answer
- No longer- see comment above.
- I believe the majority of people in Cumbernauld see it as a poor representation of our town
- Pictures or models of the building would have more historical interest than the building itself.
- It is historic for all the wrong reasons. Mainly as a eyesore.
- The only thing historic about the building is the state of it. As said above, it is not for for purpose. Its a complete shambles of a town centre with nothing suitable for anyone. Even the Antonine Centre is a disaster.
- Can be seen across Scotland and northern England, a throwback to a time when good taste died.
- Only to show what not to do when planning shopping facilities
- It's only claim to special historic interest is why any architect and developer thought it was an attractive addition to a "new town"
- It's only historical value is as a resource to show how things are badly constructed and maintained.
- Cumbernauld's most hated building



- It will be remembered as as a Carbunkle. Not the image Cumbernauld wants to be remembered for
- While the original building may have been of some historic interest, many of the original features have been demolished and the centre no longer resembles the original build.
- Part of history best forgotten. Makes Cumbernauld a joke.
- No value and the person/s promoting this should step forward to be named and shamed
- Worst town centre I have seen.
- It is neither attractive or eye-catching and is best viewed from behind when driving out of the town
- See above
- Not at all pleasant to be in.
- For the same reasons as above.
- History is of little interest to the citizens of Cumbernauld We need modern, effective facilities.
- It's not old enough and only serves a purpose as a shopping centre. That shouldn't be considered as important enough to hold on to.
- Only reason for listing would be to show how it shouldn't be done.
- See above
- As above
- I was there when it was opened. Worked in it. Worked on it. Initially a wind tunnel with black rubber flooring that sucked any joy from a sunny day. Was never practical and always an embarrassing eyesore.
- It has no real history
- see answer above. The centre is of special historic interest but has outlived its functional life and has to be replaced. Details of the town centre should be captured digitally for archive purposes and the centre should be demolished, the site redesigned and facilities replaced.
- I agree it is of interest, but feel that as a failed experiment it has little practical relevance unless someone has a proposal that will correct the failure and bring it into popular use, so that it become a magnet in central Scotland for commerce and culture.
- Interest only for architects
- It is ugly.
- Too young to be of historic interest and not special enough to be preserving it for other generations
- No historical history at all
- I don't believe it is of any historic interest whatsoever.
- It has no architectural merit It is a failed concept
- see above
- The building holds no sore oak historical interest at all.
- What historical importance? Cumbernauld Town Centre is loathed by the people of Cumbernauld. No one wants to visit it and if they do, it's frequently go to Tesco or use it as a shortcut to get to the housing estates on either side of it.
- I get the idea of it being a pioneer back in the automobile days when the car was seen as the future of all transport. However while the car continues to be important, it is not as crucial as it was sought out to be. In that regard this building does not adequately serve its original purpose.



- "This edifice is now 60 years old and has had its doofus glory and usefulness. We have to move on and provide a more practical layout in the 21st. century.
This town centre is not popular with residents as declining footfall testifies and what contrast in shopping experience between the old centre and the Antonine!
Lastly, the old centre's appearance is anachronistic in modern Scotland needs pulled down!"
- The building does have an interesting history as part of the wider history of urban planning in Scotland in the 1960's and 1970's. However, it is also an eyesore that is hampering Cumbernauld from progressing and improving. The residents should not be forced to endure a monument to failed architecture and urban planning purely for niche historical value - the quality of life for Cumbernauld's residents must take priority.
- It is hardly old enough in my opinion to be described as significant. It needs to come down.
- There's not any history to do with the building. It's simply an outdated shopping centre
- The local community want better facilities. This building is of no benefit to them and it attracts no new business.
- Every other new town has moved on Livingston, East Kilbride etc meanwhile Cumbernauld is visibly awful in comparisons, especially the town centre.
- Just a concrete mess built in the wrong place. Now builders civil servants responsible looking for academic awards
- It's not special, it should be consigned to history books and the town should be able to create a centre that serves the community.
- Looks like every old piece of concrete nonsense that someone thought was avant garde in the 60s
- It is a hideously ugly both inside and out. My question would be by what and who's criteria is it considered as being of special historical interest? A simple, straightforward, well advertised and easy to engage with survey should be carried out with every resident within Cumbernauld to access their view. This should be short and directly address the question if the building should be preserved or demolished.
- "It's not.
Cumbernauld and Livingston were both built as Glasgow overspill towns. Cumbernauld centre has struggled and Livingston has thrived.
The only difference is Livingston's Almondvale has continually grown and evolved over the decades while Cumbernauld's Town centre has remained stuck in the 1960's.
I LOVE architecture, but Cumbernauld town centre is abhorrent to look at!"
- Historical buildings are a place of beauty not this eyesore
- I think it has had its day. If it were listed I don't feel things would improve for the residents. We need a proper bus station, accessible library etc
- Appalling example of brutalist architecture
- I don't think it's of any historical value..I get it was good at the time . But that was in the lat 60s into early 70s...we are in 2022 now and doesn't really serve much purpose other than offices which are mostly always empty and quiet . It's probably the only area of the town centre, which you enter, and don't see another soul. . Very quiet. Smells very damp. And as mentioned before pulls down the look of the new more improved parts of the building..no historical value..just a old beat up eye sore
- See comments above.



- It may have been of historic importance in the past, but quite frankly it is now an eyesore.
- I cannot believe that anyone can think that the building is worth saving. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better facilities than this monstrosity can provide.
- "It's a failure on every level, each floor fails, it's not adaptable, any use designed into it at the time of building is no longer relevant. The flats are empty, the two halves are on either side of an uncrossable chasm of dual carriageway, there's no way to see out of it. The library is buried at the top, it's frightening being marooned as the only person in sight in a deserted long corridor.
The 'megastructure' is such a failure that another has never been attempted. It's a pointless waste, literally as in wasteland, of concrete. There is no visual satisfaction from the outside - the massing and giant stilts where visible are uniformly, universally ugly on every level. They create wind tunnels, darkness, forbidding no go areas. It's a structure for the use of architects as a teaching aid in what not to do, it has no other purpose, and is a burden financially upon the local area in terms of upkeep and maintenance."
- Nothing historic that I feel is worthy of listing this building.
- Why would any concrete monstrosity be of any historic interest
- Carbuncle of Scotland Award... wasn't it!
- As above
- There is no thing worthy of historic value in Cumbernauld town center
- I don't believe it is at all, I think the most significant part of the town centre building is the clock from St Enochs - that's how significant the building is
- While it has been a huge part of the Town's story and think the overall historical aspect is that the dilapidation of the building has damaged the heart of the Town
- It is a grim reminder of a disaster in new town planning and is an embarrassment to residents, making the town a national joke
- As above. Its design is outdated and its continued existence only serves to remind the residents of Cumbernauld that investment in the town has been severely lacking in recent decades.
- Why would anyone think that. Its an absolute concrete relic
- As expressed above
- Again, how can this eyesore, this monstrosity be considered of historic interest? It's a series of failures of architecture that we can certainly learn from not to repeat!
- see above
- As above really. It is a mess.
- It's the word special which is important here - every building carries some historical interest, they all tell a story, but the old town centre is best viewed as well meaning but naive, not special.
- "None. A shopping centre is a building with a purpose- the state it's been in for years it has not been fit for purpose. As a project it failed.
There's a mountain of archive footage for anyone who wants to remember its place in history. People here just want a badly needed improvement in quality of life."
- It's falling down
- Past mistakes of planning for future times and needs when originally built will be seen by qualified observers.



- Town Centre stood like a Beacon to the new Residents of the New Town and was a place to meet, shop and enjoy the leisure facilities
- It shouldn't have lasted this long. Please get rid of it.
- It has reputation of being a dump
- See above
- It was only built in the 60s....there is zero significant cultural or historical reason to protect this eyesore.
- I've spoken and listen to many of the residents of Cumbernauld and they all say the same thing its a carbuncle in the town and an eyesore
- "I worked on various projects in Cumbernauld during the sixties including the recently demolished flats which nobody could afford to heat. The town centre falls into this category.

The company I worked for had a unit in the town centre during the sixties I was well aware of the adverse opinion of the general public to the town centre.

It was typical of a building designed to get an architect an award and not a building designed for the Cumbernauld community."

- "It's an eyesore, badly designed, cold, lacks character, not easily accessed, unsafe to be alone at night.
- Those that want it to be a heritage site, should be made to live in cumbernauld"
- Again my answer is the same as the previous question. Historical information is at hand, and I see no reason in holding on to this building in particular for any historical value.
- Having stayed in Cumbernauld since 1964 and grew up with the town centre it look nothing like it did back in the 60s, 70s and has been an eye sore to Cumbernauld.
- Historically it's been given the honour of being the worst looking town, not something to celebrate. Locals had had to put up with this hideous structure for 60 years enough is enough!
- Limited and specialist interest
- There is nothing of historical interest in my opinion! We cant compare Cumbernauld Town Centre to the likes of other Scottish historical sites, i.e. Edinburgh or Stirling Castles
- We've all seen it. It's all documented for historical interest. Now please get rid of it.
- "I think 1963 is still in the modern era photographs and models will ensure that the centre can remain for the historians .

This is a towering structure which impacts peoples daily lives and not a small object . It must not be allowed to impede on a regeneration that is desperately needed"

- The historical importance is the total Cumbernauld concept .
- There are other examples of this building available. This should functional as a benefit to the community, not to some architectural society
- It's an eyesore; leaks; depressing; outdated facilities; not a place you feel safe in etc. The only historic interest is making sure architects do not build something similar in the future. After all architects/planner etc build these things but make damn sure they don't live/work/use them.
- I fail to understand why this building would be of interest historically, its served its purpose a long time ago.



- It was a new town built in the 60's, so what?? High rise flats were built and modern thinking meant most were demolished. The town centre should be demolished to make way for something contemporary and aesthetic.
- Listen to the residents who want it demolished not the outsiders who will never even visit it !
- It's common viewed with bad feelings from a world view
- Nothing from that era is of historical interest to anyone
- Comments as above
- Not as if its Edinburgh castle
- I think it's more important to provide something that works for the residents currently living in Cumbernauld than looking to the past.
- It's not particularly special meaning it should remain; other historical records of it would suffice.
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve better
- It was one of the first indoor centres, and was a good centre in the late 70s when I first moved to Cumbernauld. Now it needs a total refurbish
- Sooner it is scrapped the better
- It's the reason the town was built
- It is of its time and was absolutely designed and built to suit the time and purpose. However it hasn't maintained its purpose, its not cared for properly and the people who live in the town need facilities to be appropriate to present day requirements.
- Same reasons as above really.
- It is only of special historic interest to a very small group of people and not to those who use the facilities or work in the building.
- No historical interest because it is a place of such negativity. A maze to get around - new people don't have a clue how to navigate it. It just shows what a mess 1960s architecture is.
- What history? There are far more significant buildings with greater historic interest which have no listed building status.
- There are plenty of examples of the ugly architecture of the times in all of the new towns. The town centre is possibly the worst possible example and is a historic embarrassment. Nothing to be proud of.
- Many town centres and new towns of that era were constructed of concrete. The reason most are no longer with us is that they are failed experiments, superceded by better designs and better materials.
- It's not if any historical interest. It's an ugly example of 20th Century concrete architecture at its worst. For many people, that may be a good argument for it to be kept, but I suspect their homes won't be overlooking it.
- It was a futuristic design which paved the way for all the other covered town/shopping centres.
- It serves no purpose and isn't maintained
- Only historic due to how unsightly it is
- It's kind of iconic for being so ugly and it would be good to show generations to come how dismal it is, but it needs to change with the times.
- Historical interest for whom? Bet they don't live here or shop here. A historical blunder that we can rid of!



- The building is not fit for purpose and is unloved by local residents who would rather the space be used for a building that would suit the needs of the community
- It doesn't function as building of historic interest at the moment and wouldn't in the future. No architectural tours are conducted there. I believe if it continues to exist in the condition it is in, businesses will not invest in the town centre and it will continue to disintegrate before our eyes.
- Cumbernauld was a new town and the centre was designed for a population about one tenth of current population
- As above
- It is unnecessary for the existing architecture to remain, however any new build could have a historical reference to it's past.
- i wouldn't buy a bus ticket to go visit it, there are many beautiful places of historical interest , this is not one of them
- Its past its usage as a functioning town centre. Eyesore
- "It was the first built attempt to create a ""megastructure"" incorporating many functions in one structure. As such, it demonstrated the shortcomings and muddled thinking behind the concept - principally the lack of flexibility for future changes in social and commercial activity. The town centre was tightly shaped round the then existing functions with very little capacity to respond to changes.
A more ""neutral"" (in design terms) building would have been able to respond better to the inevitable changes. As designed the Centre got it's expressive architectural forms by tightly wrapping its form around its functions, which inevitably changed over time.
One early change was the ""right to buy"" legislation which led to the Development Corporation evacuating the spectacular flats which surmounted the whole structure as they could not guarantee the continuation of the high costs of access and maintenance."
- Only known as a carbundle out with Cumbernauld.
- There is nothing historic about it its only 60 odd years old
- Have lived here since 1964 when there was no town centre. It was exciting when it opened but even then looked ugly from the outside. Over the years it has deteriorated and is now an eyesore and I avoid shopping there if at all possible, have no interest in it being retained.
- There are thousands of photos of the cumbernauld town centre building that could be put on show to the public if anyone wants a historical record kept.
- Plenty of more interesting historical things are remembered in from photographs. There's nothing historical about Cumbernauld town centre that needs to be kept
- It's a concrete eyesore
- "I came to live in Kilsyth in 1988, I have always found the building to be a blight on Cumbernauld. The outside of the buildings are pretty shapeless and in my opinion ugly. I can understand why we list building that have added to our history and culture but I think that should we start to list such ugly and unappealing buildings such as these we will be driving away tourists not attracting them. The inside of the buildings is not much better with levels and sub levels which was at least as far as I was concerned very difficult to find your way about
I think that you will have ascertained by now that I would be against such a listing."
- It would be embarrassing to say it is of architectural interest.
- As previous



- To be an historic town, you need buildings and facilities to be of local and national interest. This building and the Town Centre does not make this criteria.
- It is not a pretty building, it is not a building that should be seen as of special historic interest unless it is to show how not to do it.
- Absolutely no historic interest whatsoever. Can't see current or future generations flocking to Cumbernauld to look at that monstrosity. It doesn't happen now and never will. Cumbernauld people leave in their droves every weekend to do their shopping elsewhere.
- "There are many lovely places of historic interest in the area such as the Roman Fort. A dilapidated place that serves no purpose is not of interest and looks dreadful. The people of Cumbernauld have spoken. It should be our decision. Why not have a vote? It is 99.9% certain the residents of the town will vote to demolish."
- The construction of the town centre was never completed and bits of it have been modified, so it has never existed the way the designers planned. It is a poor example of brutalist design even if you think brutalist design is worth preserving
- It is the very worst of its kind.
- There is nothing historic about it. The Rose that was erected when Princess Margaret visited is no longer prominent and has been allowed to decay like most of the Town Centre
- "It is of special interest as a New Town, but none of it needs to stay to show others as an example.
The mistakes of the past will help with planning the future.
All the plans on paper will still exist and can be used as a learning tool in making Cumbernauld Town Centre somewhere safe to be in, when it finally gets demolished and redone in a sensible, manner."
- It is poorly designed, poorly maintained and exceptionally ugly.
- It is an ugly building that felt unsafe at night and gave the people of Cumbernauld no pride ever
- It seems to me those who hold it as a special historic interest do not live there. It has served its purpose and now its time for change.
- I can't see what possible historic interest there could be. That ship has sailed given the length of time the building has been left in its current state.
- It is of historic interest in the "How not to build a town centre" category
- It's not even the same as when it was built
- The centre is a very dull place to be and has no historical whatsoever
- As above
- See above
- The town centre was one of its kind when it was built. The town has grown considerably in the last few years and the town centre is no longer useful.
- People need hope, light, accessibility and opportunity.
- Again served its purpose however it is an eye sore
- This is an example of architect's experimenting on a grand scale. The use of concrete throughout the construction appeared to be an obsession but they also wished to use wood to 'give some texture'. The drawing board design failed on many levels to offer a



hub to the community and thus should be considered a failure of town planning. It is undoubtedly deserving of its description of a 'concrete carbuncle'

- Photos and design details should be preserved for study but the buildings have no real use and are not suitable for current needs
- Monstrously dated and unsuitable for purpose.
- Just don't see it as of historic interest, there is nothing attractive about the building
- See my answer to Question 7
- The Town Centre is a NEW TOWN. It has no HISTORIC INTEREST
- It's not as some would say the first covered shopping centre in the UK, sheltered arcades existed at least as far back as the Victorian era. But it might have a claim as the first multi-purpose, multi-level centre, in that it had designated spaces for retail, leisure, office and residential use, as well as parking, even if not all those intended purposes came to fruition.
- No thought was put into the old building
- The town centre is iconic and if it's time, but preserving it at the cost of obstructing the creation of a new Town centre more suited to a town of this size with appropriate services and facilities would be a big mistake.
- As noted above, there is very little left of the original building and all of the original historic elements of the design aesthetic have been removed in the decades since 1980. All that remains is the brutalist concrete structure but even that is undermined by the subsequent unattractive styles of the phases of 'development' that were bolted on over subsequent decades. None of these bolt ons have improved the integrity, amenity or visual appeal of this centre as they have merely created a hotch potch of buildings in all different architectural style that are incoherent and visually they are all seen as ugly by the local population. So the buildings have been so bastardised over decades of ill conceived and poorly executed architecture that there is nothing historically coherent about the current town centre that could be deemed distinctive of any historical period. Nor is there any chance of funding any improvement to such a historical hotch potch.
- As above.
- Fail to see historic value - unless as a lesson in how not to do it in the future. Should we not be thinking of an inclusive, sustainable and inviting community resource that supports local economies and brings in people from other areas?
- Asking that question, you obviously don't live around it or need to use it.
- As detailed above, it is a useless mess, neither use nor ornament. A part of history where cheap nasty pre-fab constructions were the answer to housing/catering to Glasgow overspill, Best consigned to a book of photographs, that no one will buy.
- It is a building very much of its time and like it or not. It is the recent historical centre of the town
- This design has never been replicated
- As above
- As at 7.
- "It was at its time the first all in one shopping, town hall, and other amenities in one building. Was designed as an ideal and indeed did function as described. Just because shopping and entertainment has changed it needs to be demolished I think not. Let's save and repurpose the building.



Should we demolish Edinburgh castle, we don't need fortifications anymore either, no cause it's our heritage."

- "I have answered party in the previous question.
It is a unique structure that makes an impact on the landscape.
When built, it had a multifunctional use with penthouse apartment, recreation facilities and a hotel.
It is probably a unique development and part of the history of the development of new towns in Scotland."
- Cumbernauld New town is an important history in the growth and development of Scotland and, in the history of Scotland and Glasgow slum clearances. Cumbernauld town centre is a significant cultural and historical interest of town planning at the time.
- Brutalist architecture is part of the fabric of the Town.
- It's historic to the people who have lived here for most of their lives
- "The clearance of Glasgow slums and dispersal the city's 'excess' population to the New Towns such as Cumbernauld was I would imagine one of the largest Planning decisions taken in Scotland in the 20th century.
To achieve this, Cumbernauld embarked on a scheme for the town center like no other and this building is the heart of it"
- It's the meeting place of families all over Scotland starting new better lives in the New Town from the 60' / 70's
- It is a brutalist mega structure with many outstanding features
- As above. Unique although not always loved. The historic interest in 20th century megaform construction is worthy of preservation & recording. Whilst we might not choose this as the form of today. Without the past we lack the knowledge for the future.
- last of near original town centers
- The Town Centre was the heart of the plan for the new town that was developed around it. It was a vision of how life should be and is an intrinsic part of the history of Cumbernauld.
- It's brutalistic design has a place in the history of 'new towns' as seen in the 20th century
- It's a building with shops we need to get with the future and cater to current needs
- As above. It might have been at one point but due to the numerous alterations, demolitions and extensions it no longer is
- It just isn't. It is a shopping centre and a terrible one at that. It could have good shops but the building itself is horrendous to look at, why would businesses want to be there?
- It's not at all historically relevant. It's not the Barbican!
- It isn't old enough to be of historic interest.
- The building has been around for barely 60 years and shows nothing of importance.
- It might be the first undercover mall in the country but it is a disgrace.
- See above.
- It was an ambitious project for the time, is an excellent example of brutalist / modernist architecture and for those reasons I believe it should be preserved in some way which may not need to be physical. a VR simulation of the centre, high resolution photographs and 3d scanning would likely be sufficient
- This is a throwback to the 60s, no amount of investment could ever make it an attractive or functional building.
- Just as above. It is only significant in its concept, not in its physical appearance.



- It's as historic as a rotten cover band.
- It's a old shopping centre that needs knocked down and rebuilt
- As before its detrimental to the area
- As above. Its horrendous and holds no value.
- "There is nothing of an attractive nature to bring people to look at Cumbernauld town centre
It could be logged digitally as it was built differently and unusually."
- it is old, buildings get knocked down and rebuilt all the time, its time cumbernauld got a fresh modern town centre.
- Not beautiful or old enough to list
- It just isn't, how can it be? It's a shopping centre built 50 years ago..hardly anything special happened with it.
- "Same reasons as above
Historical need can be met with photographs"
- I cannot imagine non residents wishing to pay a visit to the Centre
- It's a mess.
- Only if you want to go down in the history books of how to design a town centre that lacks a sense of security, pleasant surroundings and lacks having any pride in design or community spirit. This centre sucks the life out of the community
- "It's time to bring Cumbernauld Town centre into the 21st century, yes the building was great in its time but that was back in the 60s
It's now 2022 it just sits there unused when we could actually have a fully functioning centre"
- Nothing of historical significance ever happened in Cumbernauld Town Centre.
- Cumbernauld is a new town, its history is based on what was there before and should be defined by this building
- The building is an eyesore full stop.
- The reviews over the years would suggest that it holds very little historic interest, just a building to be scorned and bring humiliation to Cumbernauld.
- "It's unrealistic to expect residents to be saddled with a deteriorating structure that has very limited interest when the town is in desperate need of regeneration.
I expect many old buildings that have been demolished in Scottish towns and cities were of more historical interest."
- None whatsoever ever. No idea why anyone their right mind would want to get it made a listed building
- It may have been the first purpose built building of its kind but it was never of any historical standing.
- The Town centre is run down, horrendous array of shops and is in dire need of an upgrade.
- See previous comment
- The town is not a historical monument, it is an evolving population centre that should be able to adapt to the modern world. It should have a fit for purpose focal point for its many residents that is safe, environmentally friendly and inspires. The current structure doesn't none of that.
- What historical moments have occurred at the Cumbernauld Town Centre? I have lived here since 1967 and can't think of one!



- This building is a blight on the advancement of the town & has historically failed in form & function to deliver.
- "Again, the entire town centre is not appropriate for a town the size of Cumbernauld. The town has grown massively since its original conception and construction and as residents, we deserve so much better.
I'm sure photographs of the buildings will be more than enough to 'remind' people of how it was (as if we needed reminded!) It's time to move on and create a modern, thriving town centre, that the people of Cumbernauld deserve."
- It may be of some historic interest I suppose.
- "Only as an example of poor design, poor construction and a complete disregard for the population who are required to access services it contains.
It cannot be considered in isolation from its surrounding social and economic environment on which it has a entirely negative impact."
- Not at all, not designed well and infrastructure is poor and not fit for current lifestyles
- Built on the back of someone's ego not for the communities benefit.
- Historic importance is usually tied with people's value of that item. Everyone I am aware of despises that building. It was a failed building which must be replaced by something functional for both the elder and youthful population.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld for over 60 years; it was unique at what it tried to do , but that was in the 1960's and people's needs have moved on
- It is historical for all the wrong reasons, it looks like a cement factory from the outside.
- The rest of this side of the town has enough of the original ideals preserved as to give a flavour of the new town
- Eye sore
- It's of a modern era but not historic in my view. It's not representational of historical events and should not be listed - unlike other buildings that mean something to the wider local area.
- It may have been designed by someone and been something many years ago but really it is dated and not fit for purpose. It rains more inside the centre than it does outside.
- An important example of planned new towns in the mid 20th century. Once again, the poor repair of the buildings along with adaptations and modifications have removed the historical aspect, rendering the building less than a shell of its original.
- There has been loads of structure built previously, few as hideous and useless as this ,
- Again I feel it has no historical value or interest.
- It isn't even a nice building
- Document it, digitise it, pull it down and replace with something modern and practical
- Even when I lived there I stopped shopping there
- I think it is a blight on the landscape and long overdue for demolition; to be replaced by something more in keeping with modern day Scotland. A building which uses sustainable materials, and is more environmentally friendly, for example employing green roofs, modern heating and ventilation systems and fits into the built environment in which it sits.
- It's a total eyesore and a drain on local resources. It's an embarrassment to take any friends or family there.
- There are better areas in Cumbernauld for historic interest. Furthermore, the blueprints of the building still exist -historians can look at those if they wish.



- The building is modernist and not what I would consider historical, given it's only around 60 years old
- The building is not of any interest historically
- Once it is listed it will be extremely difficult to change it, will be more expensive to maintain.
- "There were mistakes made with new towns in Scotland ... this building was one of the mistakes. You sometimes have to go backward before you go forward again. I surveyed the various buildings which constitute the southern 'half' of the town centre in the 1990's. It has many construction defects."
- Yes it forms part of the history of Cumbernauld. However it can be remembered through photographs ect. It now does not serve Cumbernauld
- There's nothing within the walls of the building to explain nor explore just why the town centre would ever be considered a special historic interest.
- it is definitely not of historical value
- As previously stated, the building has been altered so much since it's original build that the historical interest elements are no longer relevant.
- By all means keep details, photos, blue prints etc so it can be recorded
- The only example the town centre can be is an example of how NOT to build a town centre.
- It's only of interest historically in so far as anyone who has heard of it, seen it or used it, invariably describes it as ugly. It's a building perpetually invites ridicule.
- Cumbernauld was not the first new town in the UK. It wasn't even the first, or indeed second new town in Scotland. It has been an absolute failure. It has water streaming through the roof in many of the areas. It's cold, it's run down, it would cost an absolutely embarrassing amount of money to get it back to any kind of semi respectable state. The structure isn't sound. It's got a major road running through the middle of it!!! You need a pair of hiking boots, a compass and a good support bra to get from one end to the other. Due to the state of it hardly anyone uses it. Cumbernauld is one of the larger towns with a population which could support a thriving shopping area but the majority just refuse to go anywhere near it.
See above
- None. It is an eyesore
- Same as above. Apart from the St Enoch's clock it holds no sentiment with the people of Cumbernauld.
- Other than being, as famously quoted, a carbuncle, it is not a testament to the lack of investment needed in a town the size of Cumbernauld.
- I think it was hailed as futuristic when it was built, now it's an absolute eyesore.
- Cumbernauld has many historical things to see. The building itself absolutely not.
- Take photos and ensure that any new structure has a feature showing the history of the old structure.. For me, that would suffice.
- Cumbernauld House was (is) of special historic interest but was sold off nevertheless . The Town Centre is only of interest in those who admire brutalist architecture.
- Only historic interest to the people who designed/ grew up with the building.
- "Having won various 'awards' for being an eyesore and an awful set up, it has no historical significance.



Why would we want to plant something in history with such negative connotations to the detriment of the residents of Cumbernauld."

- It is a testament to terrible buildings
 - I appreciate it won awards in its day but it's outdated and old now. It's time to revamp our wonderful town.
 - It's a dive.
 - None - bulldoze and do properly with real architects this time
 - Remember this area has been rewarded The Pluke on the Plinth award on several occasions and with good reason. Therefore why would the town want to be associated with this monstrosity.
 - It is only of interest as an example of a past failure. The memory can be preserved without making the people of Cumbernauld suffer more by its retention.
 - As for Q7. Photographs would be enough of a record.
 - I strongly disagree that Cumbernauld town centre is of any special architectural interest. I have grown up in Cumbernauld and the town centre is an eyesore. It is embarrassing and brings absolutely no value/service to the community or its residents. The current Cumbernauld town centre should be demolished and a more modern/convenient design should be built in its place that benefits the residents of Cumbernauld and brings more shops/services that benefit the local economy. A large proportion of the Cumbernauld town centre is currently inhabitable and brands/shops do not want to be associated with it, this is of massive detriment to the Cumbernauld residents and local economy.
 - It's always been an eyesore it needs demolished
- [REDACTED]
- It's not an abomination there is a reason Cumbernauld continually wins worst place in Scotland. Mainly the town centre
 - "As above ..its only value is how not to build ..its monstrous"
 - I don't recall ever taking my children to see the history of a new town.
 - "Cumbernauld has a long history but that of the New Town is only 75 years. The megastructure of the town centre was of interest when it was constructed but not now. Methods of construction have changed. There will be significant material relating to the structure in archives. Historical interest within the population is poor in regard to this structure as it is non-functional.
People living in Cumbernauld feel it is a worthless eyesore."
 - It had its time and needs to go it was unique when it was built but
 - The town centre has been getting laughed at from regions in Scotland for years, including north Lanarkshire. It is a joke and for as long as it remains the joke will last.
 - The public walkways are badly lit and the flooring is slippery in bad weather. The escalators are frequently breaking down.
 - It is of no historic interest
 - I believe it is only of interest in the context of it being a 'New Town'. I don't think it reflects the history or culture of the area.
 - No, the history of the development of Cumbernauld is well documented and thus the physical place itself is of no particular historic interest.
 - It needs to be pulled down, obviously the people wanting this don't live in Cumbernauld
 - One example of many across Scotland



- It's was a total failure from the start?it doesn't and will never work It's a right eye sore always has been i am 46 years old
- I think the development of Cumbernauld town centre is of historic interest and should be recorded and documented - with photographic records and aspects such as murals within the centre preserved within a museum / cultural centre.
- It is a town centre and should be for the use and benefit of the community not a monument to failed 1960s architecture
- It demonstrates what was thought at the time to be the way forward for new town centres
- See above
- "Its a new town! It can't possibly have special historic interest.
There were no battles won here, no massacres, no enthronelements or any other kind of special event. It's only famous for being ugly and useless!"
- The original structure has already been altered and does not have many interesting useful venues. The library is not easily accessible. The towns civic offices are outside the megastructure. Few of the original shops exist and of those who do 2 have moved out to the Antonine Centre.
- Time to move on & consign the megastructure to the architect's textbooks as an example of failed design.
- No history at all. I believe it was designed by morons
- It was built as part of a new town and parts of it have lay empty as an expensive mistake for decades. I honestly think I would struggle to find a single resident who thinks it holds any historical value
- There is no significant historical value in and around the town centre.
- It maybe of interest but not in any special way, maybe more a curiosity, and of its time.
- See my previous comments...any "special historic interest" would only be relevant to the ridicule and inadequacies that the structure has invited over many years. Such interest would be best consigned to historic photographic records than being retained as a material blight on the Cumbernauld landscape.
- 'Special historic example' of '60s ugliness.
- Nobody ever stops to take photos of this site. It is just a purely functional building.
- "At the time it was built as a hub but now there is nothing in it for children to go and do It no longer has the same historical pull as all the facilities are gone"
- Place is a dump
- It has some interest as a curiosity, a sort of moral example of how NOT to build a town centre, in the same way that many other buildings of that era do, but mainly exists as an object of pity and derision.
- A repulsive monument to the negligence of town planners and subsequent local council authority oversight. Poverty on a plinth
- No more so than any other part of the area
- Try living here might be of interest to some people but most of them don't live here
- it's of deep architectural significance but nothing that occurred post WW2 will ever be deemed "historical". Nothing manufactured with concrete can have the legacy of the stoneage no matter how much time passes because the advance of money and technology and modern building practices is necessarily ephemeral.



- I can't think of anything historical except maybe the concrete design at the time which is now an eyesore.
- The building is known as a concrete jungle. What is of historic interest is the people of Cumbernauld and the community, that makes Cumbernauld
- There is nothing remotely endearing or of any historical value.
- It was of its time. Lots of lessons can be learned. How things worked and how they don't now in the current climate.
- "It is awful and does not give the residents a facility they can use and is not a community hub.

I resent non residents and users of the centre coming in and trying to prevent the changes when they will move onto another project of "saving" buildings and not be left with the day to day reality."

- It isn't
- There is much more to Cumbernauld than the Centre
- Its significance has gone as its use was reduced. It became then almost a figure of fun and mockery.
- Other than being a laughing stock of town centres it has no historical interest other than as an example of poor architectural design of the past
- Why would you preserve something looking like this? There are so many more beautiful buildings out there
- There is no historic interest in this eyesore
- As above, only of interest in the sense of being a cautionary tale of good intentions going badly wrong.
- I kind of get the architectural reasons, but it is no longer fit for purpose!
- The concept of the Town Centre had some merits but unfortunately the reality has proved unsuccessful. If it has any historic interest it can only be to demonstrate that we should learn from past mistakes.
- "Some may place significance on the building, personally I do not. Practically it is a painful shopping experience so I tend to avoid it except for the two superstores. But for clothing, gift or home needs shopping I go elsewhere.
I only go to places with adequate parking and easy flow."
- "Whilst acknowledging our today will be future generations history I find it difficult to see how this serves no purpose other than a warning to future designers and planners. Our capabilities to record information and digital imagery are enough to record any sort of social history that people deem important."
- See above comments
- It's absolutely hideous, and is of no historical interest whatsoever
- As before the site is a shadow of the original buildings and is not historical as this is an example of what not to do, as the building has already had sections removed the historical element has already been breached and should not be classified as a historical building.
- There is no special historic interest in a building of the age and very poor architecture
- I cannot see how this building would be considered a building of historical interest. A castle, yes. This monstrosity, no.



- As above. This is our Town Centre. Its not a castle or historic structure of interest. Yes it won accolades in its day but its day was yesterday, not today!! We need a functional, fit for purpose town centre for todays community needs.
- It's constantly voted for as a the poorest shopping centre. It's not fit for purpose
- Who is interested in it's history.
- It is an example of 60s architecture and was a radical change from the traditional town centre.
- So very dated and not fit for purpose [REDACTED] thing up
- Not a relatively old building
- Pictures can retain any historical interest Its a laughing stock
- 1960d brutality architecture experiment that didn't work.
- It was a fad if the sixties to have so much cement but since the early days we have another 3 equally ugly but different add-ons of extensions.....AND..... not a patch of green to be found other than on the periphery.
- Just keep the clock from Gregory's girl and tear down the rest
- Its only interests as a town centre is its complete failure to achieve its primary objective - to create a thriving town centre.
- No great history attached to it. Other than a monument of how not to do it
- Cumbernauld is a new town, not many historic interesting features here at all.
- There is no major historical influence bar the fact it was built as part of the new town scheme
- It is a hideous building and holds no historic interest
- It's just plain ugly & not fit for purpose. It's doesn't attract people, not a destination of choice
- As above , it didn't win the title of The Carbuncle on the Hill for no good reason .
- See above. There has hardly ever been a generous comment about the place from citizens and professionals alike
- It's an eyesore and a poor excuse for a town centre very poorly maintained
- As above, it represents the unrealised majority of its type.
- As per previous comment
- Again, same reason as above. Whilst I would like to see the history preserved in some fashion, e.g. by retaining various historic artefacts, using similar design features and some elements of the original structure, the town badly needs a focal point, a high street or a town square. That would be difficult to achieve by retaining the existing buildings.
- It was well laid out with decent ammenities. The site also tried to attract well known businesses to help expand the growth of Cumbernauld.
- "It is iconic and a treasure of it's time.
It was unique. Unusual brutalised style giving it an edgy exciting feel when you navigated it.
Passage of time has changed others' views of it, but I believe it still, as an external structure, holds strong and true to its iconic history and deserves to be still recognised as worthy of careful refurbishment.
There is still NO other similar structure....
The 1960's character deserves to be reinstated with a sympathetic retro-fit."



- The next generation should not have to live/work or shop in this building
- What is of special historic interest? It's only even known for how ugly and horrible it is.
- It's had its day and people have been and gone. It's time for change
- See above.
- It would be good to have a full photographic suite of how it looked over the years preserved even on public display or a nod to it in any development but the structure itself is a laughing stock and hated by the people who actually live here and use it.
- The building has no historical significance to the area.
- As above and cannot imagine why anyone would want to visit it for historic interest.
- I think times are changing and Cumbernauld needs to change with the times for future generations and residents
- No historic interest
- It isn't of any historic interest apart from to learn from the awful design of it and not repeat mistakes!
- Historic? It has served its value. There is no 'historic value' to this building.
- Although one of the first indoor shopping malls there's nothing particularly special about the centre...perhaps can be used as an example of what not to do.
- It is fundamentally a concrete box that is falling down. The roof leaks everywhere. Very few if any inner original features.
- See above
- I'm not sure what would qualify it as special historic interest as it certainly stands as an example of the architecture of the time it's just not a time that people look back on fondly as the architecture of the time is broadly very ugly and oppressive. It may have some significant historic value but I'm not sure that's a good thing in this case.
- No
- "I can't believe this is an actual question. I suppose what you should do is walk through it and you'll see for yourself that it is indeed an absolute tip and a haven for [REDACTED] of society.
If you replaced it with a brothel, house prices in the local area would still go up."
- As above
- Definitely not a 'go to' destination. I don't see that listing and saving this structure would help the town. And I don't know if anyone who wants to be reminded of what was a poorly designed and ugly building.
- It's a 60s eyesore that needs to be fully replaced with facilities and amenities that are appropriate for the town's needs.
- Every other new town has moved with the times and upgraded their centres. Ours has been stuck in the 80s with only the Antonine Centre being added and the old centre never changing.
- Status as new town build and innovative for time
- "There's a reason why it's won Carbuncles.
It's made Cumbernauld a laughing stock and long held it back."
- Having a place in history does not mean it should be kept. High rise flats have historical significance but they're not safe and impact the mental and physical well-being of residents much like the town centre.
- Cumbernauld town centre is not an area people travel to visit, there is no aspect of the town centre that I feel draws people in.



- "Whilst it may have been revolutionary in its time, it wholly inadequate as a facility for public use, it has been a blight on the landscape of the town and has had a negative effect on the Confidence of the town for to the past 30 years
In reality it was never completed to a fully usable state and has been in decline since opening
Cumbernauld if a modern forward looking town and deserves a hub to promote that growth, not a reminder of mistakes made."
- Something of historical interest should be something that is attractive and which has been of service to the town. This is not the case with the town centre.
- The Town Centre is not the best example of history in Cumbernauld and frankly is an embarrassment.
- Apart from its value as a curiosity and an annual 'plook on the plinth' news story what does it really bring to its community.
- I understand that some people see it as of interest, especially if they have an interest in architecture. However, most people do not have this interest and do not wish this structure to represent their town.
- It's always been a joke. Hated it as a child & still do as an adult.
- It has merit and is historical as I mentioned above - however to survive it needs to offer something to the Town - and currently it is not an assist to the Town
- I do not feel that it holds any historic significance. It may garner some affection from residents who have lived in the town for a long time but I do not believe that this stretches to 'historic significance'.
- The history of Cumbernauld, It's well documented already, it doesn't require an outdated building to preserve that history.
- It was a town built to get people out of town. This can be shown in photos and articles.
- The town centre is of no interest, the buildings are in excess of 50 years in age yet no one would travel to see these. Local people see the building as a monstrosity.
- Eyesore
- The clock should be kept for historical reasons only
- Sometimes things need updates and this building certainly does
- As before, I am not a historian and neither are the majority of Cumbernauld, but I am an enthusiastic individual when it comes to history. In the case of the town center there is very little historical interest anyone could have about it. It is not exciting, nor interesting. I believe there are those who would propose that it is of importance, but I would argue a smaller model be built using original architectural plans if we so desire to have it exist. As before, it is only a testament to bad ideas and poor design. Explicitly it should be kept to the confines of a book for historical purpose like many other historical places and items.
- As an academic architectural experiment in the 60's and 70's, worth doing. However, as it no longer serves the purpose intended, that is nowhere near strong enough reason to retain it.
- Again it might have won awards way back in the 70's but that doesn't mean it's fit for purpose now. Cumbernauld deserves a better town centre, one that's looks nice but also is up to date
- It does have history but is not scene for that history
- It's old and an eyesore. There is no historic building



- What Town Centre. It is a place of ramps leading you to closed and closing down shops.
- It is of some historic interest in that it was amongst Scotland's five, I think, New Towns with indoor town centres, which was a new concept. It may well have been the first to be constructed but I don't think that is enough to make it of special historic interest.
- This is an example of failed 1960s planning and should be removed as a failed attempt at town planning
- I don't think it holds any special historic interest
- There is nothing historic about the town centre other than being part of one of the new towns. As a facility it is dire.
- As per architectural interest - first of a kind, but it has not worked out - need to improve and cater for the needs of the town and wider area today.
- I think that Cumbernauld already has a fantastic history with many monuments ie the Antonine wall however I personally believe that the town centre is not the same and doesn't have the same historical interest
- As above
- I don't see how this structure is relevant
- The centre has only been around since the mid 1900s. There is very little historical significance to it.
- "There is a special historic interest in slum areas but no sensible person would argue for them to be preserved.
The building does have some sentimental value to me but I would not be overly sorry to see it redeveloped."
- It should be seen as how not to design a town centre!!
- "It is not of special historic interest.
Why would it be of historic interest?
60's architecture was pretty ghastly and most if it has already been knocked down. The buildings have nothing to recommend them. Perhaps you can say why they would be considered of historic interest?"
- Yeah show history when the ugliest buildings were built.
- Even if won award at time of construction, its structure is ugly, out of place in the present-day neighbourhood and does not cater to needs of area. As such, I do not see that it is of any special historic interest. Even if it is deemed to be of any special historic interest, perhaps as an example of how not to build a town centre, this can be preserved for future reference by methods other than its physical continuation, particularly in view of modern technology.
- Nothing interesting at all - state of disrepair
- It's been a part of the town for a long time but it's just a building that was created for a purpose and now a new building can be made for a refreshed purpose.
- This building has no historical interest it has already been partially demolished and is not fit for purpose any longer
- It might have been a revolutionary design when it was built however, its not fit for purpose now. The size of Cumbernauld is ever growing and the shopping centre needs an overhaul
- This building is an eyesore and demolished asap
- I'm all in for buildings to be listed when they are super old and important to Scotland's history but not a building of that age.



- The building is of no architectural significance, no cultural significance. The people of Cumbernauld have for years stated how unfit it is for the world we live in. The condition, the layout offer nothing of value, if anything the layout and design make it unworthy on being classed as special historical interest
- "What's historical in Cumbernauld.
Nothing"
- It is not
- It's only of interest if you wanted to look for buildings that had won pluck on the plinth twice (should have won it every year)
- None
- It might have been cracking design decades ago but it's would've nice to keep but do plans of the area in how to bring it to life again
- It's only a shopping centre. The town will still have a centre, and will perhaps a better one more suited to the needs of the community
- Just shops, concrete building nothing historic here.
- Brutal and ugly
- There is nothing historic about the structure at all and in year's to come people looking at this monstrosity and thinking why ?and it's going to be there forever and can't do anything with it definitely not
- It was only built in the 60s not even 50 years ago
- I agree that it's of interest, but most historic interest is limited to pictures.
- If it is - who visits. The "carbuncle" has been voted Scotland's ugliest building and is not something residents are proud of
- Only if we want to show how wrong the original design was.
- It is not a good thing to show off the history of something that was so bad.
- The building is derelict and run down and is taking up valuable space in the local community.
- I don't think it's of any historical interest
- It may be of special historic interest because the designers made so many basic errors in their design that it has served as a model of what not to do when designing a town centre. That is all the more reason why it should be demolished and removed.
- We don't keep rubbish out of historic interest, we bin it. Bin this building.
- It's a mess and needs re-built
- It's best left as an entry in the history books of Cumbernauld.
- As a new town the architectural designs were innovative and exciting. The town centre was at the time fit for purpose and is close to many residents hearts.
- The only thing of historic interest is The St Enochs Clock, which was gifted to Cumbernauld.
- I can understand that argument but it doesn't factor highly in my opinion
- In my opinion, the town centre is not of special historical interest. However, it has its place in history, which is adequately preserved in photographs, documents, film and voice recordings held by the fantastic Cumbernauld Library.
- "I don't think the building is of historical interest.
The age of the building is not of historical significance.
The relative rarity of the building design is not of historical interest.



The building does not contribute to our understanding of how people lived in the past, or demonstrate our social and economic history"

- it is a shopping centre and council buildings, neither of which would suffer through the new development plans
- My previous comments reflect this.
- I would happily allow admirers of such architecture their own opinion but it holds no merit in my eyes.
- It was built quickly and poorly.
- I don't believe tourists visiting Scotland, even with architectural inclination, would come to Cumbernauld to see the building (it is not Lloyds building in London or Centre of Pompidou in Paris).
- I appreciate that it has a time in our modern history but have a stronger sense that maintaining it for nostalgia gives more credence to pleasing a minority in the future (who may not find films and video and modems enough) at the monetary, emotional and practical expense of those of the present . There have been far smaller buildings in Cumbernauld lost which is sad because they weren't properly documented or archived and there was no consultation or opportunity to say goodbye.
- Has it not been described as a carbuncle? Won multiple awards for the wrong reasons?
- Gregory's Girl was a moment in time. It's passed and so is the buildings.
- I don't think anyone would miss that monstrosity. It is now understood that people want a light, bright, airy looking place to shop in with seating and coffee shops. The old town centre has very little going for it. The best you can say is that it is undercover!
- It is a period of history I would really rather forget.
- Cumbernauld deserves a modern town centre to attract business and customers
- No historic value to me and I've lived here for over forty years
- Most people couldn't care less if it just vanished overnight.
- Even though it won awards when built I don't think this should be the reason to save it Today it is not fit for purpose and the people of Cumbernauld deserve a town centre that is The population is over 50 thousand surely we deserve a town centre that would save us having to travel to Glasgow to buy goods and services we should be able to spend in Cumbernauld
- Again important part of the towns history but not a good enough reason to keep it
- It's a monstrosity in terms of architecture and serves no purpose
- "Historic in the sense it was ' of a specific time' when New Town's we're vying, novelty overcame practicality or aesthetic worth. And the historic value has left little to be desired.
Great fundamental principle - few worked out. Crowded regimented areas become ghettos."
- It is an important part of the wider new town development movement in Scotland. It represents the scale of ambition and ability to deliver significant change in our urban and suburban environments. It is bold and optimistic about the possibility of doing things differently from how we did in the past and represents the optimism we held for the future at that point in time.
- I'm not sure how much of the original features remain.
- This section of Cumbernauld Town Centre is not of architectural interest now or in the future apart from how not to design a town centre!



- But I don't think that is a good thing
- Absolutely not, as above, it does not attract people into the area, it brings down the area, with its design, its poor maintenance, its had its day, time to pull it down and build something fit for purpose
- Again the whole town centre is dated. The new Antonine centre, whilst of no historic interest, is at least modern and not an eye sore.
- Cumbernauld has a rich history this building isn't part of it
- Have no interest in the town centre lack of shops no great facilities toilets etc needs more updated to bring members of public to visit
- "It is of no historical interest and would not be missed by the people of Cumbernauld ! Cumbernauld Village is of historical interest. Cumbernauld House is of historical interest. The town centre is an out of date structure and best pulled down."
- A world-leading expression of the 1960s' movement of national and regional modernisation, merging welfare state social provisions with the beginnings of the consumer society. (see also my 1991 dossier for enlargement on this point)
- Only area that I believe is of interest is the long tower area (formerly penthouses) but it would be unlikely to remain if the rest of the centre was removed.
- It's special only for it's ugliness.
- As the numerous excited films and newsclips worldwide about Cumbernauld Town Centre show, it was one of Scotland's absolutely defining contributions to modernity in the 1960s.
- There was global interest in Cumbernauld when it was built, and its design continues to be an important reference point for anyone interested in the urban design of the 1960s. As a design it is as important as Brasília or Chandigarh. Its present condition should not detract from its historical importance
- The only lessons learned were how not to design a town centre!
- Again if it was that way then the owners should have been made to keep it to a high standard, they've let it fall apart and not taken care of it. Just another way of the fat cats making money
- It has no historic interest whatsoever.
- Save some pictures for use in Architect's training, showing things NOT to do.
- "Building must change. It is neither of Victorian or historic importance and holds no requirement as a place of tourism. It is just shops?
Tear it down and start again. Make Cumbernauld proud to have a centre they can call a centre and precinct.
Include a travel Hub, Cinema Complex, Swimming, Sports, Restaurants, retail, rest areas, green spaces, play areas etc etc alongside a modern retail space."
- Mistake
- Naw
- "The town centre is a blight on the local environment. Nothing special that could not be seen in other existing examples of this modernist concrete block architecture.
- If any argument to retain it on historical merit then it can be retained for posterity through modern survey, 3d visuals, film and photo. The unfit eyesore should not be inflicted on the local population."
- It needs to be replaced



- "The Town Centre does not meet the criteria for special historic interest. There are far better examples of this type of brutalist architecture. Indeed, the design of the building is hostile to the people using it, dark corridors, dead ends and steep ramps make the building feel unwelcoming and difficult to navigate if using a wheelchair or pushchair. Although at one time it did stand for innovation in town planning it's failure as a building and it's deterioration mean that it is no longer exemplifies the New Town ideal. It is not connected with people or events of national importance."

Q.9 - Social and Cultural

To what extent do you think that the Cumbernauld Town Centre is important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland? - Social and Cultural

- Not important (1515)
- Slightly important (196)
- Important (156)
- Very important (268)

To what extent do you think that the Cumbernauld Town Centre is important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland? - Please expand your reasons in the box below:

- The Town Centre is an internationally significant construct and thus socially and culturally important for our built heritage.
- As above it is a rare concept and a real achievement to have realised it and special to Scotland. It should be celebrated.
- With so many shop and high streets closing it is important for us to keep the town centre and to maintain it to a high standard.
- I actually think that the centre represents the very worst of social and cultural heritage in Scotland. The centre is synonymous with a poor quality of life, antisocial behaviour and poverty. Hardly aspects that Historic Scotland should be enshrining by listing this structure.
- Demolish it
- Change is needed through better planning and consulting regarding future needs as society changes and uses alter. Research and reconstruction following commercial viability will be an improvement not trying to retrofit inferior build.
- As Cumbernauld was designated as a new town in December 1955 in part of a plan to solve Glasgow's overcrowding, the social and cultural heritage of Cumbernauld is of importance to the history of Scotland. However, we do not feel that the brutalist megastructure of the town centre itself is of such importance to the country that it should be preserved for future generations. The town centre was planned in the 50's with the intention of connecting the local community with paths and walkways leading from each neighbourhood to the megastructure's shops and amenities but with the many changes and demolitions to the town centre over the years this initial plan has been lost and along with it any social and cultural heritage of any significant importance. The town centre is now perhaps an example of how past generations have



not succeeded in planning a town centre which can keep pace with changes to modern life and landscapes.

- Nothing else like it.
- Culturally the building represents a very important time in Scotland when out of the destruction of Glasgow came the push for New Towns to be constructed. The mass relocation of people is an important part of Scotland's social history.
- This building is part of the history of modern Scotland. It is the product of Central Scotland's prosperity after the war and the need for people to gain clean green spaces to live rather than the slums of Glasgow.
- All of the new towns are important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland. And as Cumbernauld Town Centre was the first undercover Shopping Centre this is culturally significant and should be recognised as such.
- The centre demonstrates, alongside other new towns, the original attempts to disperse the overpopulated City of Glasgow after the second world war, and demonstrates the ideals of the time in that a safe and healthy place for people to live and children to grow up was paramount.
- As previously stated, Brutalist architecture deserves to be preserved, but is rapidly disappearing because it's considered cheap and ugly without any of the history being considered.
- There are few examples of such style. This should be celebrated not knocked down.
- See previous answers
- Cumbernauld in general and the Town Centre are an important part in the history of the Glasgow overspill to the New Towns.
- Shows how planners thought the future would look like with everything under one roof
- Architectural value. It marks a historical change in the social housing and local provision of working class. The social heritage of west central Scotland would be lessened by its destruction. Fewer pound shops, cheap wares shops and charity shops would improve its atmosphere .
- It is an icon and a symbol of the town and the time in which it was built.
- It's like a small indoor village , I lived in Cumbernauld till I was six and still shop there every weekend without fail as I live in nearby Moodiesburn
- "The town itself is a veritable hotbed of modernist planning ideas and the town centre perhaps not as successful as the local authority housing, could be a Fantastic marker once again for the town."
- Culturally but not socially
- The architecture, history and social context are all intertwined.
- There has been no support to promote Cumbernauld hysterical or social significance and I doubt it will happen. Not only is it a new town, it was meant to be the utopia of new towns but has been failed. From the historic Carrickstone, to Fleming House, it's Roman and Royal connections have all but been forgotten. Not forgetting the history behind weaving and the radical movement, John Baird hailed from the area. We have a tiny museum hidden and unprompted in the library and are not even in the map in Summerlee despite the loss of life in the mining disaster. It's very sad.
- It tells the story of post war social housing and its growth into one of the largest towns in Scotland.
- Its part of history. The development of the new towns



- Just like I said in previous question.
- "For many it was the first leap our families had from the slums of Glasgow. Everything about the towns planning and layout are so aspirational and full of hope for how we might just exist healthier and happier, free from the tenements.
If we have museums dedicated to understanding the all sorts of living conditions we have suffered for hundreds of years- I believe it would be an injustice and leave such a gap for future generations in understanding how we arrived at modern towns today."
- The town centre is as far as im aware is the only example of this type of building and the planners image of a centre with everything under one roof . It is iconic standing at the top of a hill easily viewed from afar . The building itself has a pleasing ugliness about it . It is well designed and of its time .
- As I said, only a part of it
- Film, TV, it's an object that has managed to weave itself into the popular imagination. No matter how negative at present, it is a remarkable object, representing an optimism no longer present.
- "The New Towns have formed generations of post-war Scots, have changed Scottish urban living conditions and shaped lives in a vastly different way from large city suburban spread.
This building is one of the most iconic symbols of that achievement."
- The town centre was built at a time of tumultuous change. We were being moved from the inadequate and slum dwellings of the Glasgow tenements into a shiny new future. Cumbernauld was the Town for Tomorrow and the Town Centre was at the heart of that vision.
- It's a focal point of the town. It's the essence of Cumbernauld. When Cumbernauld is mentioned, the quirky town centre comes to mind.
- With the neglect since the late 70s, it has lost the importance it deserves. If that vision could be brought back then it would be a place to be proude of.
- As touched upon in the last section. Cumbernauld is one of just a few 'designated' new towns built around the U.K. However Cumbernauld differs from the rest because of the 'Town Centre' design ethos. The idea of having everything you need in one place. While as a resident in Cumbernauld, I feel at the moment there is a complete social disconnect with the building and it's facilities. This is something that could easily be rectified with the proper approach and serve as the social hub of the town once again.
- It's internationally important as an award winning building and example of something unique
- It was our health center our shopping center our town hall our nursery our social club
- It is an iconic, love it or hate it building, it is an example of how an ambitious idea can be hampered by bad management, lack of investment and short term thinking. In it's early days it was a bustling if somewhat windy space but it was unique and belonged to the people of Cumbernauld. If that isn't enough it features in Gregory's Girl and the first ever live satellite global television broadcast
<https://www.bbc.com/historyofthebbc/anniversaries/june/our-world>
- Super important, outrage would follow its removal. Any child that grew up in cumbernauld would be sad to see it go.
- "The development of Post-War new towns was a significant and defining element of recovery physically, structurally and socially within Scotland and the rest of the UK.



Cumbernauld Town Centre was central to the design concept of the first Mark II New Town - Cumbernauld. The transfer of communities from derelict and squalid conditions allowing the regeneration of Glasgow was a significant social and cultural change; not only to the people and structure of Glasgow but also to the historic mining and weaving village communities and the wider area including the market town of Kilsyth. The development impacted on a significant aspect of Scottish society over the decades that have followed so far.

The town centre itself, as stated, was central to the town concept. It also, however, has contributed significantly to the approach taken to municipal and retail designs adopted by architects and town planners for a multitude of projects affecting Scottish society. Multi-purpose venues. Covered retail malls. The use of integrated and separated accesses for walking, wheeling and cycling. The use of aspect and light within its design. All of the above have had significant impact on social and cultural change to Scottish society. Particularly so around the view and interpretation of how we regard proximity & design between residential areas and retail & municipal facilities. As noted above, the current focus on timely access, particularly for those with mobility issues is regarded within desire for 20-minute neighbourhoods and walking, wheeling and cycling which were pioneered in the Central location and facilities at Cumbernauld Town Centre in relation to residential neighbourhoods surrounding it on the hilltop of Cumbernauld."

- It's important as it keeps local history in the community within the library, it's good it's being used for filming and encouraging other filming into the community. Education is central, gym and swimming pool also central and convenient for shopping.
- Architecture and design of an era
- "It is very important to the social and cultural heritage of Cumbernauld and surrounding area.

Equally it has some social and cultural significance in Scotland. This idea of a shopping centre with everything you need under one roof has now been widely replicated throughout Scotland, with every major town now having an indoor shopping centre.

Cumbernauld Town Centre led the way for this type of shopping.

Throughout Scotland, Cumbernauld Town Centre is recognisable."

- Early new town development and reflects designs of that era
- As a new town we can look back on the pros and cons, what worked and what did not.
- Not to do so seems churlish and reactionary.
- As previously mentioned, the new towns are a big part of Scotland's social history
- As previously stated, it's a Cumbernauld thing...
- What's it called? Everyone knows it.
- The new towns are needed to understand the movement of people from city slums to greenspaces.
- shows Architecture in Scotland as world leading
- A point in time when there was a vision for the future
- As per the previous two answers, it's an important example of 1960's architecture conceived as an integral part of the post-war New Town programme. It also has a place in Scottish popular culture, eg. the "meeting by the St Enoch clock" scene in the film Gregory's Girl.
- As a piece of its time and of a specific philosophy of town planning it is an important civic building



- Cumbernauld has the opportunity to be unique. We're centrally situated with easy access to Glasgow, Stirling and Edinburgh. I don't think demolishing the current centre in place of a new build mall is the answer to Cumbernauld's problems. Perhaps with the promise and commitment from better retailers and the restoration of the Brutalist section of the current town centre people would take more pride in the town and spend more here.
- The concept was excellent. Easily accessible to everyone in the town, good access. If the Town centre had been maintained and retained original concept (not fiddled with- adding on bits that just make it a muddled mess) the whole town is the same. Needed maintained
- See response above. Part of social and cultural heritage of the west of Scotland.
- This is a key example of modern Scotland; too often our history is represented as rural and feudal whereas this represents a form of rethinking living conditions for the majority, not the minority of the country's people. This social imagination had the scale of the Town Centre megastructure: it is a demonstration of the optimism of Scottish architecture of this period, of bold experimentation and belief in what is possible.
- "It shows the rapid population increase
One of the first new towns of Scotland"
- This unique building was born from the new post war idealism of the 1950s and 60s, and contains a fully functioning town centre within its footprint. It has served several generations over the years, and it's image is integral to the identity of the people of the town. When people from outside the town think of Cumbernauld, they think of the town centre. It is a symbol of the post-war New Town initiative in Scotland, the flowering of new ideas in modernist designs in our towns, of individualism and the art of the functional and the civic.
- I think for many people, it looms large in their minds in a negative way. However, as previously expressed, I think the town centre represents a hugely significant time in our history- capturing elements of architectural utilitarianism and utopianism that should be both preserved and celebrated. Having had the luxury of visiting other 1960's/1970's developments as a weird hobby (Alexandra and Ainsworth, Aylesbury estates, Thamesmead, the Barbican, Preston bus station) I would certainly rate Cumbernauld as belonging in this group of lauded/denigrated group. But hopefully, it will emerge as one to retain, not demolish. Notably, with the care and investment the Barbican development has received, it is not too hard to imagine how different Cumbernauld town centre could have been had the building received the right care and attention over the years.
- It is a key building for anyone looking at how towns changed after the war
- The people of Cumbernauld formed a pioneer community from Glasgiew's overspill. This young population had their own political outlook and a creative heart.
- "It has been the focal point of Cumbernauld new town and is synonymous with its growth.
A huge proportion residents can relate stories and memories of it through the decades and as so much of the early Cumbernauld buildings have been demolished, little is left to maintain the towns identity. For the town centre to be preserved would be monumental"
- I ties the town together with it's history and all the arteries from from it to all the areas of Cumbernauld.



- There is nothing else like this in Scotland
- As per previous responses, the centre is an important piece of Scotland's post war development and a fine example of thinking at the time. It has influenced our culture for decades and a talking point far beyond the town.
- Despite the negative image, it is instantly recognisable. And it was in Gregory's Girl.
- The town centre is an interesting but failed architectural experiment, it is important to be recorded, but not necessarily retained. If demolished it should only be replaced by something of greater value.
- "It is immediately recognisable and at the centre of Cumbernauld's story. It is much loved by the people of Cumbernauld. To destroy the town centre would be to erase an integral part of our history.

In future years, I can see public and professional opinion come to recognise and appreciate the town centre as a bold vision and architectural gem."

- "Not everything that is preserved has to be pretty. History should cover all aspects of society and culture and some buildings are less conventionally attractive than others. They all have their unique character which tells us a lot about the era in which they were constructed.

The new towns that were built in order to provide better living environments in the 1950s and 1960s are an important part of our heritage.

Cumbernauld town centre has not received love and investment and it is this that makes it so difficult to love at the moment. If it were reimaged but its essence preserved then it could be architecturally stunning and something to be proud of. I know London is a category of its own but think of the Brutalist architecture of the South Bank Centre and the Barbican and how admired those buildings are."

- "As before. It is a unique building and although time has not been kind to it the building itself is a fine example of Brutalist architecture and should be preserved.
- I know many people dislike the building but I think this is due to underinvestment and decay. If the building had been well maintained and loved then I think people would feel very differently towards it."
- It helps to tell the story of the slum clearances, with all the controversy around that. Only the better tenants of the slums were selected for Cumbernauld. That's type of thing is all part of Scotland's social history.
- The original building signifies the town's heritage. This shouldn't have to be a Victorian building. Yes, it divides opinion as it is Brutalist architecture essentially, however it has significant historical significance and should be conserved for that reason. It represents the new town concept and what that stood for - a new place for families and people to thrive. It doesn't do that now but that is not the building's fault. Other reasons for that. The add on structures around it are not important and can be redeveloped and designed to complement and integrate the town centre structure.
- It's unique and represents the time and vision of when it was designed even though it has went through major alterations since.
- "It is important to the social/cultural history of its time. Part of a New Town development to tackle poor, inequality housing in the City of Glasgow post WWII. The ethos was to provide quality housing for all with greenbelt areas regardless of social economical status, with access to modern commercial facilities."



- It's very easy to rubbish Cumbernauld but in any other town, such brutalist architecture would be celebrated and maintained. Instead of tearing things down, we should be lifting the profile of Cumbernauld up.
- Most people will only remember it as winning the Carbuncle of the year award ,some time back. Alas !!
- It's an iconic building that mostly everyone in Scotland recognises. Scotland has been at the forefront of technology, science and engineering for centuries and it's an example of this technical culture that many Scots are proud of.
- If you tear it down you will be taking away from our Scottish heritage, showing that Scotland can build a unique building in the world
- See above
- It is still part of the local shopping scene. It has a creche and a public library as well as a public house.
- It is unique but currently not fit for purpose
- Smell of shit and piss through out it
- I would say very important it is a perfect example of Scottish engineering and design.
- Similar reasons to previous answers. It encapsulates the futuristic thinking of the 1960s.
- "As outlined previously the building is an important part of Scotland's social and urban history.

Its uncompromising and visionary design was ambitious and is physical manifestation of the spirit of the time - described in Andrew O'Hagan's 'Our Fathers'.

Many of the built structures of that time have been demolished and replaced with less well built low rise structures. It is important that we cease the practice of eradicating our 1960's and 70's socially ambitious history and instead retain and re-purpose the structures for our present needs and recognise this era as an important part of our cultural heritage."

- Same reasons stated previously
- It's very much part of its time and that time. The 1950s and 1960s. We can just erase these periods for future generations. They must see everything. Not just the beauty like Edinburgh, but the more 'functional and practical' like Cumbernauld.
- Shows classic architecture of the period and is part of the history of the era of the New Towns
- Cumbernauld is the best clear example of modern living in the U.K. not just Scotland for New Town developments.
- It has that historic link to the past, as it was built when the town was first established.
- A place where family and friends have met for over 50 years
- "Cumbernauld village has a unique history going back 2000 years and this deserves to be told

The 50's and 60's were even more important and its legacy should be protected for architectural and sociological reasons"

- It was a bold attempt to do something different and special
- For all the reasons I have mentioned already. Its uniqueness architecturally, its place in the social experiment and optimism of the time. The sad fact that similar conditions will likely never be made possible for anything so innovative and forward thinking and hopeful about the future to occur again. The very great improvements in the lives of the population that moved to Cumbernauld and made use of the structure. Also, its place in



the world in terms of its architectural uniqueness and the attention it still attracts from all corners of the world today (America, Holland among others i have been made aware of most recently). The town would just not be the same without the megastructure and the town centre as it was originally conceived. i think even the people who profess to want it torn down would miss it and its unique sense of place once it was gone. what will replace it? i have seen the plans - it would be anywhere and nowhere all at the same time -very depressing.

- "Without it.... We are any other town.
I would simply just move somewhere else cheaper to live ad there would not be the town center I moved here for... Indoor.. Safe.. Clean... Secure..."
- This was Scotland's most prominent contribution to 1960s Modernism and planning, recognised globally.
- We are losing much of the designs of that period in Scotland. Which was an important time for design
- Cumbernauld is linked with the Town Centre in the minds of the whole country. If it were lost, Cumbernauld would be diminished in the view of residents non residents alike
- We are too quick to get rid of important architecture in Scotland, many residents are rightly fed up with the eye sore it has become through lack of care. The original town centre is a special unique brutalist building which could be made into something fabulous with a bit of vision. To replace with yet another unimaginative box would be so disappointing and a waste of money as it would no doubt look shit in 30 years time
- "So important.. For many from the desperation of Glasgow a sense of real community in a safe environment was created. Decent living conditions An inside toilet. a bedroom. garden and the icing on the cake.. The toonie centre!
Play area whilst mammie chatted of shopped.. Library. Health centre bank hairdresser hardware shop laundrette bus terminal ramps lifts etc. Etc. all within a stones throw and traffic free..
Yes times have changed. But the heart is still there. It just needs a bit of thinking outside the box to restore the feelgood factor for today's confused and chaotic world to again create a safe haven for young and old alike.
Make do and mend. Reuse and recycle. We've gone the full circle No more of this destructive culture. Yes it won't be easy but definitely possible! Cumbernauld is unique and has a social and cultural story to tell.. Let it!"
- key moment in social and architectural ambition in Scotlands development.
- It represents Architectural and Planning thoughts of the period.
- This was not a flippant decision to build a brand new town centre. History was being made with the design, build and placing of the town centre.
- As outlined in 8., - it is the physical embodiment of a unique phase in Scottish history and so as valid as any castle, country house or industrial building.
- The movement of people out of large industrial cities, like Glasgow, to New Towns like Cumbernauld, is a very important part of Scottish history and the story of Cumbernauld is the story of Scotland too. It shaped the views and offered the opportunities to a generation. Like it or loath it, it's part of our heritage - remove it and you erase a part of our identity. With some restoration and sympathetic additions, the Town Centre could hold it's head high - what about 'greening' it as part of it's move towards the mid-21st century? Italian architecture students revere the Town Centre. Milan has some famous tower blocks which are living green areas. A smaller version of that kind of thinking



could make the town Centre come alive again, as a cultural place, with offices, studios, specialist shops, cafes and bars etc. The library is much loved and can be a community hub, if developed properly. Create, rather than destroy.

- see previous
- The vast majority of the Scottish population bypass Cumbernauld regularly - if its worth saving, then save it . If it can be used properly.
- The Centre is very important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland being the only survivor of its type of any note in this country.
- Other big buildings of the same epoch e.g. by Gillespie and Coia have been allowed to decay e.g. at Cardross.
- Too many of the megastructures of the period e.g. Cardross, have been allowed to go to ruin
- At the time of building the architectural design was ground breaking and should be preserved, it should be incorporated into future changes within the area.
- There is nowhere else in Scotland like Cumbernauld Town Centre. Nowhere else can you find examples of this kind of optimistic and creative architecture. There is no other reason to visit Cumbernauld than to experience the town centre (for better or worse).
- I don't trust North Lanarkshire Council to improve or to implement any better plans based on their poor track record previously
- Everyone knows of it and it's what made cumbernauld recognised worldwide
- It is important a s a time capsule of this time in our cultural heritage and should be preserved and brought back to its original design.
- The town centre has been the main social area from the beginning..weddings childrens play our library at one time our cinema and should and could be again be again. The statues and local art work have been moved or hidden. Where are they? Bring them back and have a local culture tour. The St Enoch clock?? So many parts of our culture have been systematically removed or destroyed.
- Of it's age
- Where else is there anything like it?it could be restored it's former glory.
- Scotland is full of history. This is part of it.
- The brutalist style in such a structure is not found in most of Scotland so this part of the Scottish cultural heritage should be preserved and celebrated.
- It is a wonderful piece of history.
- This is original architecture and award winning town planning that the council do not seem to have interest in developing / caring for or celebrating, to such an extent that it now feels like a very depressed area. I would like to see the approach change and for Cumbernauld's design to be cared for rather than demolished.
- Again, see above.
- Everyone who has ever grew up in the town has shopped, worked and socialised in the building. With some imagination, this can continue for many more generations in the very same building.
- Without the town centre what does Cumbernauld have? Needs to be preserved to keep Cumbernauld on the map. Spend any money that would go on a new centre on rejuvenating the old one. The new town centre didn't exactly go to plan and now both town centres are dead.



- "The design was bold and experimental at the time, it attempted to provide a home for the community and a symbol of progress and modernity.
I completely understand that most people living in Cumbernauld now dislike the building but it was not always the case and does not negate the history of the building and it's special connection to Cumbernauld. Times and shopping habits have changed and I agree buildings need to adapt, not be demolished."
- Scotland obviously has an extremely historical heritage but, like the rest of Britain, the Cumbernauld Town Centre is extremely important. Personally I have never seen a town of this level built in the sixties. I feel that there could be several tweaks for it to be an even more beautiful place, perhaps by adding glass and more modern buildings surrounding it, It also celebrates the film 'Gregory's Girl.'
- Stunning example of brutalist architecture & the blueprint of an iconic new town, where people were moved to from the overcrowded tenements of Glasgow, extremely important part of social & cultural heritage in Scotland
- It forms an important part of Scotland's post-industrial heritage and the story of new towns. It needs a new life, but this should be an evolution of what's there, not destruction.
- see previous statements
- See previous answer.
- This is a globally recognised landmark. Destroying such a device would be destroying the global character of Cumbernauld.
- See answer to 7.
- It used to be a great place to meet friends.
- "I watched the report on The One show this week which was presented by Claire Grogan and she explained that Cumbernauld Town Centre was seen as something exciting, fresh and new to a visitor. She said she thought this was what American would be like!
I thought her comments were so important as it's easy to forget how exciting this new concept was and, while I fully agree that it isn't looking great at present, I see the social and cultural value of this building and think, with the right management and vision, it can be restored, remodelled and evolved. They say the Barbican in London has many similarities to Cumbernauld Town Centre, so why is the Barbican considered an iconic masterpiece of brutalist architecture while the town centre is referred to as a carbuncle? Is it neglect on so many levels that has made it so disliked? Everyone talks about it, it's known worldwide and they want to remove it and replace it with a generic building."
- Cumbernauld Town Centre represents a unique vision of society and social life, in which all aspects of social life are brought together into a single comprehensive design.
- The creation of post WWII "new towns" was a hugely significant global moment of ambition across diverse geographical territories and political ideologies. Scotland has one of the most advanced and innovative, which has been recognised internationally for decades, and has an enormous resurgence of interest right now, in an age where alternative planning of built-environment must be foregrounded. It would be a travesty to destroy it.
- New Town phase is still important part of history
- Not much of the original megastructure remains today.



- "Cumbernauld new town had a huge impact on the way people worked and lived in the 1960's and 70's. Moving to Cumbernauld from Glasgow gave families a new way of life with new spacious homes with gardens and beautiful outdoor green spaces to enjoy. New towns breed new ideas and ways of living which should be celebrated. The town centre building should stay as a reminder of this, not destroyed for poorly built, fashionably up to date buildings that will not stand the test of time."
- See previous. There are few truly unique modernist buildings and structures in Scotland that remain within the public realm, and those that are, and of course still fit for purpose should be preserved
- It is important for its Architectural style.
- "New life
New town"
- I have highlighted this in previous answers. If we destroy history, how can we learn from the past.
- It's part of the new town history of Scotland
- Refer to 7.
- It was a first time design. Why not keep some of the "iconic" parts?
- Significant contribution to world architectural history.
- It seems to be an important building for people you lived and live in Cumbernauld
- see below
- The New Towns and their communal open and enclosed spaces Provide an optimistic example of an inclusive designed built environment, and one which valued public investment, responsibility and care
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is a building of international importance as an example of the post war planning and architectural period
- Sadly, the creation of a new town hasn't happened in decades in Scotland. They take time to develop and change. We have just had a recession and covid restrictions on gathering physically, plus the Internet has changed how we shop. Older concrete buildings in a town centre are not a problem to be removed, they should be retained and adapted.
- "Cumbernauld Town Centre appears in a feature-length film, commissioned by CDC, titled Cumbernauld Hit. In the film, the town is described as 'a veritable jewel in the navel of Scotland.
Cumbernauld was Scotland's third New Town, and the only town in Britain to be designated in the 1950s. It represented a pivotal moment in urban planning, and ushered in a second generation of New Towns that more explicitly catered for the car, while devising solutions for the problems created by cars. Cumbernauld Town Centre, built alongside the rest of this entirely New Town, effectively forms its historic core. It is therefore of the utmost importance in understanding and appreciating the significance of Cumbernauld as a whole. In a specifically Scottish context, it represents the mid-point of New Town development, being radically different from East Kilbride and Glenrothes, which preceded it, and being followed by Livingston and Irvine, which were clearly influenced by it."
- I recognise its style is of architectural interest to many.
- "4th attempt.



It is a unique megastructure of shops, offices, housing, library, car parking and bus stations. There is nothing similar in the UK and only Le Corbusier's Unite d' Habitation incorporates similar concepts but on a far smaller scale.

It is the KEY landmark of The New Town."

- "The relocating of people from the old Gorbals area was an historic social change in itself, and has resulted in Cumbernauld being a close-knit family oriented town over the years. A small part of this (and I refer to the bridge structure only) should/could be kept as both a social and architectural reminder of the importance of the 1960's experiment. Other notable reminders remain in the residential architecture of the 60's and 70's. Maybe this iconic structure could house a museum of Cumbernauld's development and interesting past?

The caveat to all of this is that unlike the neglect of past local councils, there should be a statutory responsibility for any new (to include some of the old) development to be maintained and promoted nationwide in order to safeguard the new, incorporating the old, town centre."

- Eyesore
- Not Answered
- "The megastructure is culturally and socially very important to our heritage. It expresses the cultural and social zeitgeist of the times in its ambitious, optimistic design.
The megastructure is the built reminder of the post war mission to ensure Scotland's Housing crisis was addressed by creating-well designed new communities based on contemporary urban design and traffic planning principles.
Importantly its future can also be socially and culturally important if it is re-purposed as an exemplar of a 'new' town centre."
- Again, the masterplans for the area when created are there, roads have been built, the town has grown significantly and we've not preserved any other part of cumbernauld to keep it stuck in the 1970s - this is part of that original masterplan, As with updated roads, housing, schools, etc. it's time to update the centre of the town and this structure must make way for this...
- The town centre needs to be knocked down and rebuilt. It's a complete eye sore to our town.
- You can't keep something that isn't fit for purpose just to so it can be part of our heritage. Put it in a museum and let Cumbernauld be modernised.
- It has never served its purpose. Concrete monstrosity
- ????? It's a shopping centre
- Absolutely Not! It is holding back a town from developing and thriving.
- Historically it's of interest as one of the key new town developments, but not to the extent that all of the housing and amenities should be retained indefinitely! Some of the housing has started to be demolished, the centre should be next.
- 9 out of 10 people hate it and needs to be demolished
- I rarely step foot in the place. I visit the occasional shop even more occasionally. I do not hang about and I certainly wouldn't spend any more time thanks to the ridiculous parking charges scam that is allowed in every car park. Perhaps when the place is demolished those in charge car ban those companies from returning, as that has certainly not helped anything in the town.
- It's a run down old shopping centre, need i say more



- Other than it being well known for its disgusting amenities and awful appearance it has had no positive impact on the town or Scotland
- It was probably in Gregory's girl but that's it.
- Again, it has its place in the history of the town but this could be recognised in some way in the future planning of the Town Centre. Retaining it in its present form would not be serving the cultural heritage of the town in a meaningful way for the residents. It is certainly not a source of pride.
- Unless a carbuncle award is suddenly a coveted award then it has no redeeming features and the whole town will be improved by getting rid of it. Cumbernauld has plenty of other cultural and historic buildings, we don't need this eyesore
- The town should have a focal point but this structure doesn't meet the needs of local residents and is a source of embarrassment. For the size and wealth of the town nowadays, it should be so much better.
- I reside in Cumbernauld but due to the state and choice do not as I say live there
- Important to be remembered, but not required to keep the building.
- The idea of the town centre is important. The building itself has no importance. If only one small group of people want this building to still exist, why should thousands suffer for that? The building has been recorded in all of its states - it does not need to exist to be seen.
- It has meaning behind it with the overcrowding of Glasgow but it served its purpose decades ago we need to progress as a town and have something that we can be proud of and indices people from different areas to come to and want to shop at
- There is little worthwhile in old town centre
- Buildings are outdated and not built for the Scottish weather!
- Cumbernauld is a modern town with 2nd and 3rd generations living and thriving here. The population need services to fit their needs and to encourage prosperity, not an ugly 'mistake' which can be viewed in bewilderment by people who long to be served by their town and not forced to go elsewhere for basic amenities. Scotland has some of the most historical sites in the world and will not benefit from a 1960's poorly designed shopping centre to be added to its treasures.
- "If this monstrosity is a reflection on Scottish culture we have failed as a nation. The only benefit to the place is to give people who don't live here a laugh"
- I do not believe Cumbernauld TC to be an asset in relation to social or cultural identity. It is an embarrassment to the town. There are lots of other examples in the town that reflect these themes. Socially people will go anywhere that has a place to eat, drink and shop and most prefer other locations that are within travel distance.
- The town centre is important but the building is 100% not
- The current town centre from my experience is somewhere to go out of necessity, and not for recreational purposes.
- The building is ridiculed Scotland wide and serves as an embarrassment to the people of the town.
- No one is interested in seeing a 'new town' that is a failed architectural experiment
- those days are gone, since it became abandoned by the council in the 80s
- Nobody is interested in this building other than to mock it.
- Not in present condition
- See above



- Most of it is not being used and in disrepair which contributes to lack of jobs and economy.
- Wouldn't break the top 1000 in a list of things that are important to our culture
- It was an attempt to show modern living in the 60s but is a failed experiment which has left an ugly building empty, with no possible repurposing.
- The building is useless and falling apart
- I don't think all types of structure need to be celebrated just because they were considered innovative at the time they were built. It has aged badly
- "It is simply an old and tired shopping centre that now makes no sense."
- We are the people that live in the area and are not getting the best service from the present building.
- It's embarrassing how Cumbernauld is stuck in the dark ages. One of Scotland's biggest towns and the architecture is horrendous. It's the town that time forgot. The architects clearly thought they were pioneers but clearly they weren't.
- There is no cultural heritage in this building.
- "I understand Cumbernauld was developed as a 'new' town but there should be a lot of learning from the mistakes made.
Eg in most areas, housing estates being built with no pavements, lots of back lanes and underpasses - which are often for safety reasons despite feeling really unsafe to use.
Tall dangling structures like the one above are what gives Cumbernauld the name and it has for being grey and depressing.
This is a huge up and coming area which residents should feel proud of.
History and how it is documented can help us remember the why, the how etc. we don't need to retain a ghastly structure to remember the historic importance of the development of new towns."
- We have lots of other places that are historical such as the Antonine Wall. The town centre is not a historical place
- It is probably of interest to a very small minority of architects and planners who saw modernism as a well-intentioned but ultimately failed experiment. We should not be celebrating failures of planning and architecture and perpetuating a dysfunctional and non-sustainable structure, i.e. it has had 50 years for the community to grow to love it and we have seen that has not happened.
- Only as an example of a failed experiment and a warning against repeating the same error.
- Cumbernauld and its people are important not the buildings
- People I have spoken to, myself included want a modern fit for purpose town centre. One for everyone, shoppers, entertainment, dining and improved buildings that serve the community e.g. doctors, town hall, sport complex.
- Its role has been and continues to be a negative one. It served a purpose but now it is an anchor round the neck of Cumbernauld residents - functional and visually.
- Again there simply is no cultural heritage about the town centre
- See previous answers.
- "I'm not entirely sure I totally understand that question.
If you mean Cumbernauld Town centre generally speaking, this is vitally important to the communities that surround it."



If you mean the eyesore of architecture currently in situ, this serves no great purpose as does not attract new businesses, and as such is struggling to get the necessary footfall to make it a success."

- Photos are enough. We don't need this ugly leaking asbestos infested building to stand. Demolish it.
 - If it was I think it would have been better taken care of in the first place!
 - Absolutely not. Social it is holding back Cumbernauld as a town.
 - This building is pointless and mostly abandoned.
 - Nothing happens Socially in the Town Centre
 - Needs pulled down
 - It now is having the opposite effect & making the town a laughing stock.
 - Cumbernauld Village has more historical value.
 - The people of Cumbernauld deserve a town centre that can give the opportunity for social and cultural heritage to be developed. The building as it stands is not it.
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- What culture? A vacuous space with no redeeming qualities.
 - It's old and dated. The area should be brought up, not down.
 - It holds no social value, the place is half empty most of the time, this is born out by the number of stores that have closed over the years due to lack of customers and the number of empty units in the newest part that have never been rented out to anyone, the only cultural value it has ever had was the culture of underage drinking in the deserted top level where the library is
 - Everyone I know and a large number of people online have nothing but distaste for the building itself, it needs demolished and modernised so that the town can be proud of its centre & bring more to the town economy wise.
 - Not important at all. It's just an ugly, old, decrepit building.
 - It's just a shopping centre in a little town, it isn't a cathedral or part of the Village Old House, it's one of at least four shopping centres in Cumbernauld. It isn't special.
 - It's out of date
 - The centre is full of pound shops & charity shops. Every pub or club has gone downhill & there is nothing cultural
 - The building appears like a failed project. The original ideas of the town centre have not been fulfilled. This is not something that should represent our cultural heritage.
 - Not important enough for the residents to be burdened with this outdated hideous monstrosity, the carbuncle awards need to stop.
 - There is nothing for young families to do here, what was once lauded as a fabulous out of town development for families has badly deteriorated, with awful social housing and shoppers facilities. People here deserve so much more, we all pay enough into local services. It's well known as a carbuncle let's stop non Cumbernauld residents being a laughing stock for what we have and for some to suggest it's worth retaining.
 - Eyesore
 - People like my grandparents who were the first generation to move to new towns have seen generations of young people shape their life here. Cumbernauld and other new towns have unique backgrounds in that the residents all came from other areas and formed a melting pot of community. I think we should honour the history and intent behind these new towns being built and the people that it impacted.



- I think the establishment of the town centre is significant yes however I don't believe that this building should be the way in which this significance should be exemplified. Socially the centre has become run down which is exemplified in the amenities which it houses. I think the town centre concept within the new town could be commemorated more elegantly within a newly developed hub.
- People from outside Cumbernauld do not come to it. I live here and I go out to other places not Cumbernauld Town centre.
- As an urban experiment Cumbernauld has a place in the social and cultural heritage of Scotland but that must not stand in the way of creating a town centre that is usable to its residents.
- Bigger things to worry about and people don't come to see this anymore
- Only important as something to kick and ridicule us for.
- It is very important that we have a Town Centre but it needs to be one that can incorporate everything needed by a town the size that Cumbernauld is now - not what it was in 1970's. The current building does not do that
- The centre should provide social, retail and business opportunities for the whole community.
- The town was built in an era where growth and expansion were happening, to accommodate the growing population in, and around, Glasgow. The foundations of the town reflect this. The centre building, in particular, however is not required for this blueprint to remain in the style it was originally planned.
- It's a shopping centre that had penthouses there's really nothing else to it
- It has no significance or importance to the heritage of Scotland.
- The Town Centre is pretty much what Cumbernauld is known for and ridiculed for.
- Carrickstone has important heritage with links to the Romans and nearby towns Croy and Kilsyth however not the town centre
- Didn't look nice from new now just an eye sore, dirty and neglected.
- Not used as a proper town centre, no high street, no community links.
- It's a complete eyesore, embarrassment to the area and the community
- Provided the displays and statues are held which hold relevance the buildings should be removed and the community be allowed to develop for the future.
- It adds nothing to positive culture and is an eyesore and blight on the landscape. The majority of people in Cumbernauld would like to see this demolished and the building of a more fitting construction in its place
- Our culture can not be defined by card shops & charity shops.
- "Only for being a laughing stock.
Plook on the plinth award anyone"
- The only thing I can think of is featuring in the film Gregory's Girl, but nothing else.
- The Cumbernauld Town Centre has nothing to do with the social or cultural heritage of Scotland.
- Everyone that visits here always mentions the poor state of Cumbernauld this is an eyesore and is far from important
- Slightly important only from the point of view that it was groundbreaking 60 years ago but times change and things move on
- As previously stated in the before 2 questions.



- It houses the library, banks, the bus station, a number of fast food outlets, a pub, a really great wee Italian restaurant, numerous charity shops, a gym, and a good few empty retail units
- It is known throughout Scotland as the carbundle, and it is time that the thriving community of Cumbernauld had a town centre to be proud of, not one that we are embarrassed and ashamed of.
- It can still be part of our heritage. Just not ruining the landscape and stopping a town moving on
- It should be the main hub for the town to develop businesses and for people to actually come and use. Not just to drive by and onto the motorway.
- It is an eyesore, an embarrassment and not fit for purpose
- We are a laughing stock
- Apart maybe for proving what not to build
- As per previous answer this could be demonstrated through displays/ museum etc. rather than keeping the building which is now in a state and an eyesore to local residents.
- "People avoid using it as it offers very little and isn't easy to find your way around it. It's maybe a good reminder of how not to build."
- Lessons can be learned from this town centre but more on ways to improve rather than hold the town centre up as an ideal town centre because it just isn't.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is an awful building which provides little to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland. In fact some of the facilities it houses eg. the library and museum would be far more accessible were they not part of this building. It stands in the way of the town's social and cultural development.
- Mass of concrete don't need it
- None it was built in the 60's and is completely done horrible looking building
- It represents the New Town movement of the 60s & 70s but it's hideous & in poor condition
- It is very important that we have a town centre to be proud of and for us to look forward to developing our cultural heritage in the future.
- Get the bulldozers in.
- The present town centre is an eyesore and not for for purpose
- It would serve greater purpose economically if the new plans were to go ahead. More jobs, support businesses etc. It does nothing for the community as it stands just now.
- A difficult one to answer because in its current state it is of not real value other than something to inspect or look at for architects or housing academics etc. It should be, and is, central to the lives of those residing in the area and who make use of the building, and who are filled with hope at its potential. It should not be a site simply left as an interesting architectural design when in fact the whole town rely on this centre, which has been deteriorating for as long as I have lived here (36 years).
- The thought is clearly absurd. All you need to do is take a look at the place and have a walk round. It's a disgrace.
- No one uses the original parts of the centre to any significant degree so it cannot be that important
- It should be extensively photographed and documented as a prime example of awful town planning- then demolished



- It is actually a blight on it. People look on the town in disdain and the building always tops lists for the worst building in the UK let alone Scotland.
- It is iconic of Cumbernauld however as St Mungos will remain in-situ I feel it is a loss than can be overcome with a purpose built fit for purpose new town centre.
- That's why we need a new one it should be the hub of the community not the embarrassment of the district
- Only as a laughing stock.
- What social and cultural heritage, Cumbernauld always comes second since north Lanarkshire council has taken over, the building could of been important if it had been maintained properly.
- Being a 'new town' makes Cumbernauld significant culturally and socially but the town must move with the times to continue to be relevant in Scotland.
- Redevelopment of this eyesore is the only benefit to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland.
- yes I think that Cumbernauld Town Centre is important and should be part of the social and cultural heritage of Scotland but not this current incarnation, its an embarrassment that can be seen for miles and needs to be re developed.
- It's an eyesore
- Social? There is nothing in it to do and the shops are shocking!!! Cultural we have the village etc but the town centre is an eye sore and we are not proud of it at all!
- It's not as if this building attracts visitors from across Scotland to witness its culture and social heritage
- It is a disaster of a project and should be demolished
- As previously said it is an eyesore and quite frankly an embarrassment to the town. As a lifelong resident of Cumbernauld I am proud of other improvements that have been made to the town and myself and my family deserve a social hub to be proud of.
- Social and cultural importance is a wide statement. Cumbernauld is not and does not contribute to the wider Scottish picture in such a topic.
- Very few people and I would say practically no one further afield has an interest in the heritage of this building.
- It's only importance is in people ridiculing Cumbernauld
- Same as previous response
- This building has been Cumbernauld's laughing stock for years, being in my opinion solely responsible for the town being named in the worst towns list consistently. The only thing Scotland would miss about it would be making fun of it
- It adds nothing to the social history or culture of Scotland
- It was built for the needs of people in the 60s. It does not meet needs of 21st century shoppers or communities. It should be demolished asap and a modern safe building which is suitable to build the community
- "No one thinks of culture and heritage with regards to the town centre design. To Cumbernauld Village and Condorrat and the outlying areas that were mining areas yes. But not to this.
No one in their right mind would come to Cumbernauld for a historical visit...well apart from Architecture students to learn what not to do when designing a town centre."
- Honestly it holds no such thing.
- It is a useless and decrepit building which deserved being described as a carbuncle



- As it stands, people do not visit from around Scotland and as a Cumbernauld resident, I would generally drive to Livingston or to one of the Glasgow retail parks to do my shopping. As I would for social events. The eyesore that is Cumbernauld Centre does not encourage civic enlightenment, nor does it attract visitors outwith darts teams visiting a pub who play in a darts league and even then, the darts team only visits because they have to fulfil a fixture in a darts schedule.
- It's more important as a new town that the town is functional as a town and not an area of cultural heritage.
- This town is in serious need of up grading and that town centre needs to go first
- Folk would sooner go to Glasgow to shop.
- Talked about for all the wrong reasons. Reminiscent of post war Russia.
- "It's not viewed positive by people living or visiting Cumbernauld. I know architecture style change all the time but I wouldn't want to jeopardise the overall town centre to keep a building that nobody really feels necessary now.
- I think a picture of the building would suffice and then future generations will still be able to view this if they were interested in the history."
- It's not fit for purpose our town deserves better facilities that serve the needs of its inhabitants
- My mum grew up here and holds no feelings towards the place other than sad and how run down it's become tear it down
- "With the current state of the building and how it's been like that for many years now it is not important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland.
There is no cultural aspect to that building now.
It is falling apart, smells inside and embarrassing to Cumbernauld.
To have it as a listed building again would be an embarrassment."
- This would only be important in serving a visual reminder to others, in the future, of how not to design a centre for a community
- Not a good example of the best of our heritage.
- Those outside of Cumbernauld do not recognise the negativity from Cumbernauld
- It's of no interest to myself
- To use a phrase from royalty, it's a carbuncle plain and simple. The majority of residents of the town hate it,
- It warrants a mention due to its unusual design but to live here and have to clap eyes on it every day is depressing.
- Not now, it's had its day. It needs to be replaced.
- None!
- It displays nothing of "culture" except a display of how to waste public money on a vast structure that is no longer fit for purpose
- No one uses it socially and there is no strong culture to what the modern day Cumbernauld people are.
- My be more important in the community if people actually wanted to spend time there but with it looking and being in the state it is I suspect a lot of people travel elsewhere to socialise
- "Even Prince Charles called it a carbuncle! It's dreadful looking and needs knocked down.
Bring Cumbernauld into the 21st century"



- "I completely avoid this area of town now as it full of drunks/addicts, etc. If this is the social culture that is looked at as heritage then I won't be back."
- Embarrassing, it should never have been approved to be build. Cumbernauld has been deprived of a decent center when other towns have thrived, it's a detriment to the people.
- Put photos and information in archives if people want to look at it. It is ugly.
- It is and always has been a complete eyesore
- It's not. It's an embarrassment to look at. The Barr's factory has more social and cultural presence. L
- Preserve in data, not concrete.
- It is used by people to a limited degree compared to other modern shopping centres around the country. People use it because they have limited choice.
- As previously mentioned it's an unsightly structure that is not fit for purpose.
- Important as a social experiment but only in books, not daily life.
- Not an historical building as such, but an error and eye sorr
- It is time for something that the people of Cumbernauld can be proud of. A place that people can come together and enjoy and not a place that is like a ghetto
- I think that the people of Scotland should have an awareness of all of Scotland's "new towns". That however does not mean that the people who live in any of the new towns should be forced to live with buildings that may have been considered modern 60 years ago but are no longer fit for purpose.
- The building is an embarrassment to the town and Scotland reflected in the numerous carbuncle and plook on the plinth awards.
- It's not a place that people outside of Cumbernauld have a interest in visiting, nor is it particularly enticing to resistor Cumbernauld beyond it being a the the shopping centre of the town.
- The building should be consigned to history rather than preserved.
- As stated it's a depressing dreary building that does nothing for our town.
- "The town centre should be the heart of the town. Unfortunately it has been left to rot! The new retail park near Broadwood has better access/shops but then you have to drive to the other end of the town to go to B&Q
Town planners are amateurs! Its awful"
- We need facilities and amenities fit for this century not for 1960
- Residents and businesses like to be proud of their heritage and this building lacks soul and most of all people have absolutely no pride in this building.
- Cumbernauld is a "New Town" and as such it hasn't had any time to devlope any historic values we normally associate with other towns and cities
- "I don't know enough about the historical past connected to the Town Centre to make any huge contributions here.
However, my cousin, who was a police officer at the time, told me that when Cumberland Town Centre was first built, Abrohill was created to house people who were relocated from Glasgow. This part of Cumbernauld was to be self sustaining with its own mini shopping centre, primary & secondary schools, church and play parks."
- This centre should be important but it really is dire



- If it's the centres history you are interested in look at the archive pictures. Anyone who visited the centre today looking to find any kind of cultural heritage will be very disappointed.
- It is both but can be recognised and applauded without having to be kept.
- It is under used and badly managed. Who would plan to spend any time there?
- Everyone slags the town based on the town centre.
- Same reason as above
- Hi
- The town centre is laughed at by people as it is an eyesore.
- It's exactly the opposite and should only ever be used as a bad example.
- It never represented the town - when we moved to Cumbernauld, everywhere was spacious, Green, clean and beautiful. The centre was always an eyesore. Relatives visiting from Australia asked us if it was the prison.
- We have many other heritage sites that reflect the history - the town centre is widely acknowledged as needing modernisation.
- "Loch lommond has better scenery than that eyesore!
Other places around the UK have better cultural heritage than the town centre buildings of Cumbernauld. Such as stone architecture, history behind it. Cumbernauld was simply a new town, no such important history compared with other buildings, such as Charles rennie mckintosh."
- Again, completely irrelevant.
- It would be important if the building was different
- Whoever submitted this for consideration is absolutely not a resident of Cumbernauld. I am. I've lived here my entire life -53 years. The Centres time is passed and the people of Cumbernauld deserve better.
- As previous it was a new concept for a new town, we need to grow with the times, the building is decrepit, there are better ways to tell the story of Cumbernauld than this eyesore which prevents people visiting.
- Cumbernauld Town centre is widely despised by its residents and the wider Scottish public. There are other better examples of New Towns that demonstrate the cultural and social history of that period. Do not keep the town centre that was designed poorly from the start, that the locals hate and actively avoid using, preferring to shop in the Antonine Centre or Glasgow instead.
- Seriously have you seen it?
- It will always be remembered for its blot on the landscape a how hard it is to navigate the inside maze
- Apart from the fact it makes a laughing stock of Cumbernauld being the recipient of the Carbuncle award.
- There are important things in Cumbernauld - such as public art (such as Alasdair Gray's mural at Palacerigg that should be preserved), green spaces or examples of innovative housing stock here, but the Town Centre is in no way important to Scotland's social or cultural heritage. There are no meeting spaces there, no easily accessible facilities. It is time to recognise that this building doesn't meet the needs of residents. Architects might find it interesting - but do they live here? Do they have to use this facility? Likely, not. The people who live in this town deserve to have the right to say, we deserve better.



- A new and better shopping centre would better for Cumbernauld
- This is an example of what not to do in a modern town. Building should stand the test of time and be something that should be looked at and admired as an example of the time in which it was built. No one would know when this was built.
- Ask yourself this question. How many tourists do you see visiting it? The short answer is none!
- Cultural, not social. The building itself is despised and unused by the local populace who flee the town to go elsewhere. You'll understand why if you visit. Cold, damp, lonely, full of dead birds trapped in the rafters, buckets on the floor, and gangs roaming around at night. Lifts don't work and shops close down due to lack of business.
- It is 1970s and has no cultural significance at all. To locals or others.
- The town centre could be the hub of the community and bring social experiences for all in Cumbernauld.
- The building does tell the tale of the first residents of Cumbernauld but it doesn't tell the story of its current residents.
- Cumbernauld town centre is the joke town of Scotland and unimportant to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland.
- A town centre should be the main focal point of a town. Not a talking point of how bad it is and win awards on how awful it is. Build a centre Cumbernauld and NLC can be proud
- The building has never been a centre for inclusive community activities
- It's simply a carbuncle.
- Roman history that is attached to Cumbernauld is important not an old shopping mall.
- This town centre has no importance to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland - it is a failed experiment and the sooner it is forgotten about the better.
- Same as before
- It's an embarrassment to local people. It's a failure. Other new towns benefitted from better design. It's a grim notion to think this awful building if of cultural importance. For any social and cultural reasons most local people turn their back on this town centre and head to Glasgow, Stirling or any where else that is more appealing.
- Haven't met anyone in the 52 years I have lived here who has anything good to say about it
- Everyone hates it it was a failure we need to accept it and move on
- Scotland has so much amazing historic culture - The town centre embody's none of this whatsoever
- "It's a tired embarrassment of a building. Carbuncle indeed."
- Why would an ugly building that is old and serves no purpose and the majority of people who live here hate be of any importance
- Removing this building from existence would better serve the social and cultural heritage of Scotland.
- Being Scottish means accepting that we are partly influenced by the stunning natural landscapes that lie within easy reach of us all. The megastructure is incongruous to this. There is nothing Scottish about it. Nostalgia and sentimentality aside, there is nothing likeable about it. Is the town to be punished, forever for an architectural blunder. I sincerely hope not. The town's residents deserve fair treatment. It is a blot on the



landscape, depressing our economy , our spirits and sits as a embarrassing source of shame..

- This town centre holds no social or cultural heritage except bad. A new centre would thrive for locals especially elderly as this buildings design is not fit for disabled or elderly.
- It was ground breaking in its day but that time has now gone. It will continue to decay and become more of an eyesore. This would be especially galling considering that Cumbernauld desperately needs new facilities to adequately reflect current community needs.
- Many other places impacted our history more than the town centre.
- In terms of the social and cultural heritage, the structure should demolished to make way for a modern, welcoming multi-use replacement creating a social and cultural hub for the town that is in line with the current and future needs of the town.
- I see it just as an architect making a bold statement - nothing more.
- When I visit other towns , which I do...I have never witnessed a building so out of date and downright ugly and I am sure any visitors to Cumbernauld do not come here to see the Town Centre, just the opposite ,many times I have been stopped and asked how to get out of the place or where are the liftsetc. Which very often are out of order...I see no cultural heritage at all....if it's so iconic why has it not been copied in other towns, I think the reason being they look at Cumbernauld and think oh no! We are not having anything as ugly as that
- It should be razed to the ground & relegated to the history books.
- It was a completely new concept at the time however as previously stated this can be recorded and remembered in other ways than preserving a physical building
- Visitors to Cumbernauld can not believe that this building is still being used it's so derelict looking
- If we had the right facilities within it it can contribute well as is based 15 mins outside Glasgow
- If it was it would not be in such disrepair.
- Ugly, damp, unsafe, inaccessible - no place in modern Lanarkshire.
- What a disgrace it is.
- The redevelopment would mean more than what is currently there.
- It's a disgrace, the council have never looked after it. I would not be hopeful if it was declared a historical piece for Scotland it would benefit anyone. It would be a laughing stock I'm am very sorry to say. As before I grew up when it was a bustling hive of community and think fondly of those times but now it's time to go
- We need a new town centre or some sort of hub to attract new retail and shops the the area
- Most people outside of cumbernauld only know of the town centre as being a dive.
- I've never met a Cumbernauld resident who is proud of the monstrosity
- There is no 'life' in its current state and there hasn't been for many years
- It is an important place to have especially in cumbernauld however the new hub ideas seem more realistic for now
- See previous answer culture moves forward, grows and develops because of the things that happen in and around it. This building represents nothing, because nothing happens in or around it. Let it become the foundations for something new



- It is not currently being used to add to the community in which it is based! It adds no value to the town and has no positive impact on the how the town is viewed by others.
- It has spent over a decade closed to the public.
- It has long blighted public opinion on Cumbernauld as a whole, it reflects poorly on the businesses it hosts and its dilapidated state causes embarrassment to the region. It used to be a social hub but has been reconfigured to serve as corridors to nowhere in particular. Access is poor for the elderly or infirm, and functioning businesses have long since closed or moved on due to the declining footfall. It offers no social gathering locations.
- Little positive has come out of the town centre. It has been an embarrassment to Cumbernauld for a long time.
- Part of the town centre was used with Gregory's Girl film however not important to social and cultural heritage.
- I think that it has been something which has been talked about a lot over the years. It served its purpose at the time of building a new town. However, times have changed and we need to move with the times and learn from mistakes that have been made. The town centre was obviously designed to be different but we can now see all the flaws that come with it. The town centre isn't used for the purpose in which it was built. For example; housing and offices.
- Well it isn't really a place for social and cultural meeting is it there are bad shops and too many Costa coffees doesn't exactly invite people to meet in there there is literally nothing of interest in that centre for different cultural groups to meet in.
- There is no heritage in that building, even the clock is being rehomed.
- It's important as a notoriously ugly building
- "It shows how urban planning should not be done.
People have to live there and are forced to use it.
They vote with their feet (or car)
and go somewhere that is more pleasant to look at."
- Social and cultural heritage should not come at the expense of a useful and liveable town centre
- To show how NOT to do it
- It's highly unlikely to attract visitors to the area in a way that other cultural/heritage sites would such as The Forth Railway Bridge etc. There are no benefits or value to this megastructure.
- It is an experiment gone badly wrong just like the rest of the New Town that is Cumbernauld. It's an outdated concrete jungle. There is nothing culturally valuable about a building that's an eyesore and the locals don't like
- The town centre structure has changed significantly since it was built and if it remains as is would not be visited for social or cultural reasons.
- It's an eyesore
- Having worked for the town centre I know the building is full of damp mould and asbestosis it's rotting away this is not something most people would relate to our amazing country beautiful heritage
- As it currently stands it's of absolutely no importance, it's nothing but a run down embarrassment.



- The people of Cumbernauld gravitate to other sites around the town. Equally they go to Glasgow for social and heritage needs. The town centre is almost fully inaccessible to the public as it stands. There is no access to the penthouse areas.
- I feel that this would be limited to a connection regarding the Glasgow overflows and new town development only. Nothing further.
- Many may not like this but the shopping centre was a success for many years. The reason it started to fail was shops wanted to buy their own property. Hence the Tesco and Asda buildings and many others being built. The shopping centre will be looked upon in the future as something totally unique. Shopping malls now have little room for indie shops run by local people it is all big anonymous high street shops. Even now the place has a lot of locals running shops. This is something most high streets lose due to costs.
- It's not good for the social or cultural dynamic in Cumbernauld and is holding the town back from attracting the sort of investment the community needs
- I have named 3 other new towns and I do think the creation of the new towns is important but not this disaster of a building.
- There is nothing about the building in its current state that is cultural, unless you include the mould that is lurking around some of the dark and dingy corners that make up the maze of corridors. Its disjointed nature adds nothing to improve the lives of people that use it. Tens of thousands of people need upgraded facilities to use. Just because there may be a few university lecturers include the study of the building within their teaching, should not be reason enough to list it.
- Nobody who lives here actually wants it here. It is stopping the town's regeneration. The building has already been hacked to bits, now remove the rest please
- No one uses it! To think one member of the public can request it be listed to stop the potential of a new town centre is beyond me. All it is famous for is being one of the worst buildings built
- There is no social or cultural relevance. The building is an eyesore with lack of social drive
- Na
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is a faceless lump of concrete which has little to no character inside or out, this is the brutalist nature of the building. In being designed in this way it creates no positively demonstrable impact on either the past nor the future of Cumbernauld.
- It was a brave experiment but has failed
- I fail to see how this could be deemed important
- Again it's just a smoother poorly maintained building that the space could be put to better use
- The people of Cumbernauld are not interested in it so I'd very much doubt the rest of the country are.
- "It is close to Glasgow and other towns
And transport is good to get to airport
It serves as a good place to be"
- "It demonstrates clearly the way it should not be done.
It has no place in modern Scotland."
- I don't think it was groundbreaking when first built but now is an embarrassment to the majority of the residents



- We need a decent shopping center with decent facilities to make it the central meeting place for everyone! Cumbernauld have got this so wrong when you see East Kilbride & Livingston
- Honestly it's awful, it's a place to avoid. I can not see any way that would be important or add to social or cultural heritage.
- The combination of a very effective '80's marketing campaign "What's it Called"? And being the location for the film 'Gregory's Girl' probably played a significant role in making Cumbernauld culturally significant to a much wider 'audience' than would have otherwise been the case.
- The new town in itself in how it was designed and planned for future families and generations is amply shown by its safety records. The Town Centre only casts doom and gloom on the town.
- Why keep an ugly impractical infrastructure? What good would it do? The town deserves better.
- This Town Centre is the laughing stock of Scotland and beyond. As soon as you mention you are from Cumbernauld people start either laughing or sympathising with you most ask the same question, "Have they blown up that 'Carbuncle' of a Town Centre yet?"
- I think there are other places that are more important to the social and cultural heritage of Cumbernauld
- It was an icon for a new town but has no relevance beyond its postcode.
- In the 60s & 70s it was a important part of Cumbernauld, put unfortunately the building is well past its use and has become a eyesore to the Local community.
- There is no heritage in the town center
- Why would it be important. If it had been taken care of and updated that would be different. For 40 - 50 years plus its not been cared for . If Asda and Tesco moved there would be next to no-one using this town centre.
- No one except the person who suggested it wants to keep the town centre as it is.
- I do not believe it has any importance to the social and cultural heritage as it actually discourages people to visit Cumbernauld Town Centre.
- As previously noted the town centre is an object of derision across the country and it is often quoted as an example of the ugliest town centre in Scotland
- This building has been the brunt of jokes Scotland wide and beyond, it's won the ugliest Town centre building in the past and that is not what the town needs remembered for.
- There are lots of things about Cumbernauld which make it special, this is NOT one of them. The Cumbernauld Theatre or St Mungos Church or the village main street and Condorrat main St hold greater social and cultural value.
- Please see previous answer.
- Cumbernauld town centre is extremely important to social and cultural Scotland for those who live there, which is why this out of date monstrosity needs to go!
- People would not come to Cumberland just to see this building. They try and avoid Cumbernauld because it doesn't have anything to offer.
- Cumbernauld needs a better environment than that provided by the current centre
- The only culture it has is the mould growing on the walls.
- "In so much as it brings communities together in mutual hatred of the building, it has social significance. The fact that it appeared on the Channel 4 series called Demolition in



the early 2000's and received significant support shows the strength of feeling from the community.

The building has limited cultural significance to Scotland, given it has been seen as ""what not to do"" with regards to developing for new towns. To my knowledge, no other new towns followed the blueprint of Cumbernauld, in fact learning lessons from the approach taken in Cumbernauld and shying away from the central megastructure idea."

- Not important at all. The building is the butt of every Cumbernauld joke
- "For the same reasons that I have said architecturally and historically. I can't for the life of me understand why any one would have made an application to have it listed other than to disrupt the regeneration of the area. But why?"
- In my opinion, I don't think the current town centre serves the local and visiting shoppers on the social or cultural heritage front. Yes there are cafes but I don't believe it to be a hub for people to engage with and with each other."
- It is an important part of Architectural and Urban history and by extension important culturally. There are many records of its hay day out there but it has not been relevant to anyones lives in a long time.
- "The very little social heritage that Cumbernauld Town Centre has can be reproduced and vastly improved anywhere.
Culturally, the town centre has no redeeming factors"
- "As someone in their 40's I know how I feel about the pound centre. This questionnaire should be provided to school leaving age who are articulate enough to provide decent answers.

I am not against heritage buildings, the cottage Theatre is an example of a building that should be saved. It is full of character. The centre is a dump as far as I am concerned. Even the Antonine which is clean and new, has 2 costa, subway and cafe alba. Where are the wee street food cafe's or noodle bars. Go to Airdrie and Wishaw an see some character."

- To be clear this is or was a shopping centre almost entirely made out of concrete this is not the Sistine Chapel we're talking about here!
- Its of little importance to the people that live here. If its important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland then they can move it somewhere else if they can find somewhere that would want it.
- Building has no cultural significance as far as I'm aware
- I have lived here all my life and would still prefer a more up to date shopping ce tre. I think the residents of Cumbernauld deserve that
- Having work in and around the area I know that no one I have spoken to see this the hub for social and cultural heritage.
- It has won numerous poor building awards - I don't think that's something which should be celebrated. I would like for the library to be preserved in some form because this is important and yet, where it is positioned currently is pretty hidden - it took 4 years of me living in Cumbernauld to realise it was there and it wasn't a place I visited again; it was cumbersome to get to and the passage up felt slightly unsafe...
- I think it's very important to have a town centre but not the monstrosity we have at the moment.
- It's no GSoA, is it?



- This is a worldwide example of how not to a town centre.
- It is to the social and cultural detriment of the town. The town of Cumbernauld will never be able to revitalise until the dilapidated town centre and the housing built in a similar style is demolished
- It's a failed experiment and current residents shouldn't have to put up with this any longer. Stück with this for too long, and stifles development.
- It is an embarrassment and has been regularly lambasted as the worst example of architectural hubris. I have never seen or heard contrary or defending views from HES when it was publicly ridiculed so why claim any significance now.
- It's only contribution to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland is as an example of what happens when architectural privileged is put before the thousands of people a building is intended to serve. To preserve a building for that reason is nothing short of insulting.
- "Very important - we need a town centre.
But not in its current form."
- Cant see it attracting many culture vultures ,and has no social worth to speak of.
- Everyone I've spoken to hear is begging for it to be torn down. Cumbernauld needs a purpose built building that will actually help, not hinder, social and cultural heritage
- As in previous statement the building holds no significance. The only people using the facilities are those who can't get to Glasgow or Falkirk
- It is important for the local community and near neighbour who use the area. But any one that does not travel to the area has no social or cultural links to it
- See previous comments
- "carbuncle"
- Our area should have a better shopping centre that is not full of shops dotted around the place is a maze it's a disgrace
- See previous answers
- If it was that important, it would have been properly invested in to attract as many visitors as possible. Seriously, no-one is going to chose our town centre in its current state over Glasgow, Falkirk, Stirling, Breahead & Silverburn.
- Only real importance is the New Town designation and the fact that many people were rehoused in the area - the Town centre buildings fulfilled a function which tied in with that plan but is no longer appropriate.
- The building does not generate tourism due to its architecture, keeping it continues to degrade the town. No big companies come to the town and it appears its due to the lack of people outwith cumbernauld visiting- which is often due to "plonk on a plinth"
- Most people in Scotland wouldn't know what it was, or that it existed much less be impacted by it in a social or cultural way.
- Nothing to do with Scotland. Its the central point for Cumbernauld only and we hate it.
- I think we are more known for the town centre being viewed as horrible more than people showing any appreciation for this.
- The town centre is not serving the needs of the expanding community in its present state. We need people to want to visit and spend money here at the moment if you speak to residents and outsiders they all say the same the town centre is dismal with no redeeming qualities.



- I do not think the centre is important to the cultural heritage. I would feel different if it was cumbernauld house or something of significance but it is just an eyesore that is not a good talking point in cumbernauld. If you want to see how not to build a town centre this would be visited
- It is nothing to be proud of. It's not cultural and not something to represent our heritage.
- It is valuable to learn from the past but there are other ways to keep this heritage alive and not by keeping a hideous building that does not fit with the needs of Cumbernauld and the surrounding areas.
- It's important, but there are other ways to maintain the heritage than a horrendous building that is no longer fit for purpose.
- There is nothing in the building just wasted space and no one would ever visit it for social or cultural purposes
- This was once when it was built part of Cumbernauld and it's heritage but now it needs taken down. We deserve a decent town centre
- New towns are not defined by their town centre but rather their layout and the intended influence on how people live their lives.
- Its a place most people avoid unless they really need to use one of the many pound shops, charity shops or specsaver shops.
- Does not benefit Cumbernauld in any way
- It's important to invest in it and build something that will provide social and cultural opportunities. Not to hold on to what was.
- Other than providing the residents of all other towns with the great relief that they do not have to suffer this and being the punchline for many jokes, none whatsoever.
- "Again...in its original state yes I would strongly agree but the centre has changed so much it's not relevant.

If you rebuilt the antonine wall out of new bricks would it still be the same? Would it encourage people to come see it? Unless it's taken back to retro state then nope it doesn't work"

- No community feeling.
- The centre is not important. The town generally is of importance as a post war new town but non-listing of the CTC buildings will not impact that status
- It is a byline, mentioned in passing.
- It is a national joke and provides no cultural or heritage context to Scotland.
- The folk of Cumbernauld would rather it had never been built
- "What can I say, it's there, we use it, but we are not proud of it...
Cumbernauld has been forced to use this horrid mix and match centre that consists of many phases that do not have a coherent structure.
It's a terrible building."
- The laughing stock of Scotland.
- Hate it
- Any importance is only negative.
- I don't personally think this is a heritage of Scotland needs pulled down
- It's a relatively central town. It needs to have appropriate facilities and having this in and near a better and more attractive building would be beneficial and could hopefully encourage more custom.



- Other than the odd scene in Gregory's Girl there are none.
- Cumbernauld town centre should be important to both the social and cultural heritage of Scotland but unfortunately it isn't. It's well documented the effects of architecture on individuals mental health and the town centre is a hub of anti social behaviour which speaks volumes. As for culturally the town centre offers nothing, the only thing of cultural importance is the St Enoch Clock which is hidden away in a dark and dank stairwell that is hardly used, the clock could easily be moved though.
- Cumbernauld has become a forgotten town and it needs a new structure to reflect the growing population and it's needs
- It's just a building. That has very little in it other than charity shops.
- As before, it doesn't serve the purpose it once did. It's a nightmare for people that work there now. All the issues I mentioned before. We can look at photograph of it at newly built, fit to purpose museum.
- It is a building that is ridiculed by all and sundry and causes more harm to the town than good.
- It is important in relation to its new town status and at the time of building and in its early years it was a desirable town to live in. It is also important as an example of how planners really need to take account of future proofing when designing and building as Cumbernauld became a town that did not move with the times, had poor investment and did not meet the needs of the population. I am a historian and the social and cultural interest in Cumbernauld, in my opinion, really links to learning about what happens when there is not appropriate investment in a town, when that town is neglected, when no account is taken of the needs of the resident, especially young people. The infrastructure is poor, including transport where residents struggle to travel short distances without having to get on more than one bus or travel around many areas to get to the final destination. Children and young people have not had the investment they deserve for many years with poor provision of leisure activities and other services, including the need for parents to take them to areas outwith Cumbernauld to access these types of places, if they are able to do so. Cumbernauld is not a desirable place for young people to live, unless it is to purchase cheaper properties than they could get elsewhere that they are able to easily travel from to surrounding towns. Residents have had to accept for many years that they need to travel to other areas, such as Glasgow, Stirling and Falkirk to access the amenities and services they should have in their own area. So, yes it is important socially and culturally but not for positive reasons.
- There's absolutely nothing of interest there. Nobody cares about it because it's an eye sore.
- It provides no social amenities for the area and, as such, adds no heritage past or present
- I can not think of any reason for it to be saved. The town needs a useable space not a museum piece
- In this respect, I really don't think it is important. Cumbernauld is the butt of many jokes because of this building; any notions of pride in it are long gone. People don't come to Cumbernauld to marvel at this wonderful building; they pass through and think "God, that's an eyesore; glad I live somewhere better." The sad truth is that this building brings Cumbernauld down. Cumbernauld is not a bad place to live; it's actually quite a nice place to live with lots of lovely green spaces but until this monstrosity is gone, the town will forever be synonymous with the ugly building at its heart. Although, even pulling it



down now, it will still long be remembered for its dreadful town centre building but at least the Council will get some credit for finally doing something about it.

- It was important but lately it is not fit for purpose. It is a labyrinth of disused areas and no longer flows with all the changes that have been made over the years
- As per my previous 2 answers
- The building is an example of Social and cultural heritage in Scotland, but only when it is connected to this wider story of the area - as a building along it is not important and therefore in my view does not warrant the building being listed.
- Like many other overspill towns the town centre is a remnant of a time when city's were forced to innovate and come up with new ideas for the future but overall a failed experiment producing a town with no reason to stay in it except for commuting to surrounding places. The important is the significance of the failure and what not to do.
- To bring in new people to this town but this building will certainly not do this just look at others that are near totally abandoned Springburn Easterhouse all which were busy shops till they got a shopping centre
- It's a shopping centre that is out dated. People of the town hate it. Our town should be thriving, instead we are a laughing stock because of this.
- It's a terrible place. Needs flattened and re done with a public realm at the heart
- The building represents an architectural view that has not delivered what was intended. It represents outdated social engineering that has created a dismal and unpleasant urban environment.
- I believe the build of any of the overspill new towns is important in a cultural sense and historical sense of their evolution. It can be recognised and recorded in the be design, maybe a slight nod to some aspects of the original centre, but the actual building itself does not be to be kept. I personally have not been in the port key elevated area for at least 20 years. Is there a practical need for the area to be preserved for the future - no thanks.
- For reasons given in previous comments, a very large proportion of the population do not use the building at all despite, tragically, it containing the central library. I do not know anyone in the town who wants to preserve the building - the current joke is that a new centre could be funded by raffling the chance to press the button on the first swing of a wrecking ball. It has not been the heart of the town for many decades and indeed has been a source of stigma and even shame. The town centre was a bold experiment and, despite some exciting aspects, it has been a complete failure and it began to fail early in its life. It is important only in an abstract way which could be recognised via careful documentation (it is already highly documented) and an oral history.
- It's really poor. Most people with transport go elsewhere.
- In my opinion the new towns of Scotland are reminders of a time when the country was growing and there were opportunities for everyone. However they lacked future thought and communities that exist now don't value the same things. It's a place people go into and come out of as quickly as possible. They are depressing reminders of the lack of progress.
- No Scottish heritage.
- It is a joke
- It's a new town so does have huge historical value in my opinion. I mean it's great for learning to drive round roundabouts I suppose



- The town of Cumbernauld has grown over the years, the town centre is a blight on a growing town with a great location close to Glasgow, Stirling and Edinburgh. The town centre makes the town a laughing stock of Scotland and is often the 1st thing mentioned by people who live outside Cumbernauld.
- Previous Plook on the plinth winner. Don't want reminded anymore.
- People in Cumbernauld want to move on and forget this monstrosity.
- Cumbernauld has a long history and should be celebrated.
- Cumbernauld is like all the other new towns. But it would appear they have more modern amenities.
- The building is not in any way should the word heritage be used for such a structure.
- As listed before - already well documented so does not need actually to be physically kept.
- It had an important social and cultural standing, but not anyone and hasn't for years.
- It provides nothing different to draw people in.
- Same as precious answers
- There is no evidence to show that it is.
- The structure has failed to meet the growing needs of the town and cannot accommodate a proper transport hub required, nor does it instill safety to its users due to the enclosed ramps and stairways. Many of the historical features have already been lost due to alterations, and the building is mocked by many as an eyesore.
- It's a prime example of early planning errors.
- No one will miss it
- Socially -pubs. The library is stuck away on a corner on the upper floor.
- I have never seen any cultural benefits in having an unfinished failed building pulling down the whole town.
- As a new town there is some value but not enough to outweigh the many drawbacks. With today's technology, a through digital record could be kept for prosperity.
- Very ugly building not fit for purpose
- It is a concrete monolith, with links to a halcyon dream of how someone thought the future of our town should be. No one took in to consideration the Poor management the town centre would face over the coming years.
- "Its the people who make a town not the buildings
If the people are not happy the towns not happy
People need a lively community hub not the dismal leaky structure that is our ""town centre"""
- I have explained in previous answer
- "the best thing that cumbernauld town centre can add to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland is to be pulled down and rebuilt.
That would be a welcome addition to our heritage."
- The Centre per se is important, the current construction is not.
- A large part of the megastructure is not easily accessible and therefore has no social or cultural interest whatsoever.
- I have no knowledge of the history of the centre
- There is nothing worth going to it for. Many pound shops, charity shops and nothing much else



- It is important to remember our history but not to live in the past. It was a novel idea and a novel building which is not fit for 21st century life.
- We need better family friendly facilities that people will want to visit and use
- Compare it with "Cumbernauld a Town for Tomorrow" from 1970 to now. The time for conservation are long past
- Needs to be updated to match current build standards
- Any impact that the building has had on Scotland's social and cultural heritage has been shadowed by the misery it inflicts on the local population and landscape. Beyond Gregory's Girl, there is little to be said for the building.
- As a lesson in why architects shouldn't be given free reign to build crazy designs?
- It's importance is to the people of Cumbernauld and the existing building is nothing but a blight to that.
- The footfall of the centre feels like it's non existent. Regenerate the area with a centre Cumbernauld can use and people will come too.
- Nobody visits Cumbernauld town centre as a tourist to experience a positive social or cultural point of interest.
- "Has anyone every visited the shopping centre for this purpose?
No is the answer
Not historical in the slightest and causes massive hazards to the public
The amount of leaks everywhere alone is enough to cause concern"
- For all the reasons I've mentioned previously. Also most people find it a depressing structure and are generally unlikely to use the centre for a day out. I know you said you don't take into account peoples likes or dislikes of a place. This seems to me completely against the nature of a survey. If the building, as in this case, is uninspiring, ugly and has an negative effect on this living around it these should be taken into account. After all what is the value of bricks and mortar if it does nothing for the town or the people in it. Considering the private housing, therefore potential money in Cumbernauld, we should have something to be proud of and where people want to invite friends to a day out.
- It's an architectural eyesore with no historical value and is fairly inaccessible and not fit for purpose
- Its a burden on the town
- It's a new town and will still be the case without the current building.
- Cumbernauld required a town Center fit for purpose
- None no importance whatsoever
- Again, the initial structure perhaps suited the times in which it was built, its was an alien concept to many. However, it has not stood the test of time. And in essence holds the town back, people not from here mock cumbernauld for the carbuncle award and when they think of the town think of this ugly structure, when Cumbernauld is far nicer and greater than this structure allows it to be.
- In its current state it isn't of importance although many places to eat and be social but this could be achieved in a new layout
- The town centre is not seen as a historic building as its an eye sore.
- "The building is an eye sore. The fact someone has applied for this to be a listed building dumbfounds me. I can only assume they have an agenda so that funds are redirected to somewhere which actually means something to them.
- Bring it down and start over.



- Cumbernauld has a growing and varied population which would support a fit for purpose town centre."
- We need many more user friendly shops, restaurants, cinema etc
- It's out of date. It's no longer fit for purpose. It has no cultural heritage unless you count the over 70 year olds.
- It's the laughing Town Centre of Scotland.
- there are plenty of other examples of poor architecture scattered through the housing estates of cumbernauld from the same era, lets not preserve a town centre which is neither interesting historically, architecturally nor is it fit for purpose.
- The culture of Cumbernauld has nothing to do with this building. It's an eyesore and totally insufficient for the town's needs.
- Can't believe this is actually a question, is the town centre tied in with the same heritage as the Wallace monument, forth road bridges, or future cultural heritages such as the mermaid of Cumbernauld or kelpies?
- A building which has been mocked on national television shouldn't be considered something which Cumbernauld and Scotland can be proud of.
- It is of absolutely no importance as it is
- it gives a very poor reflection of what scotland can offer its an embarrassing
- It's basically an amalgam of badly maintained corridors
- This building makes cumbernauld a laughing stock. It is dull and grey and needs to be replaced with something more modern and attractive.
- not important to the average person who lives in Scotland.once a non resident has seen it most of them don't come back ever!
- The manner in which the structure attracts attention nationally is largely one of ridicule which then translates into interpretation of the town as a whole. It would in my view be hard to justify it as being important to most people's view of Scotland's culture and heritage.
- I do think that the town centre is important to social & cultural heritage but the need for new infrastructure, more facilities etc outweighs the need to keep the old town centre in its current state.
- its an eyesore with leaking roofs....its a total mess insidea wrecking ball would do more improvement than damage.
- Only in so much that it keeps us a laughing stock
- In its current state it's of no importance. It's always empty and is full of charity and card shops.
- Not at all. Most people couldn't care less and would happily see it replaced
- Don't want upgrades limited which would happen if listed
- This building is not at all important and has been a blight on the cultural development of Cumbernauld since the 1980s.
- It's a failed experiment in architecture of a new town. Not special nor important.
- Cumbernauld is still going to be a new town without the ugly town centre. It will have the same history. What're we losing? The Red Triangle where my pal Jim lost his virginity? A library people don't really go to because of the smells you need to navigate to get there? We'll survive quite well without it.
- How can a building that has been awarded garbuncle of the year or whatever it was be of cultural importance to Scotland



- It was an experiment. It had novel ideas. It didn't work out very well in the end. It's definitely not a pretty building, let's be honest, it's an eyesore to the vast majority of the population. It's of interest to keep a record of all of the above for future reference to the good stuff for inclusion in new projects, but very much more important to record the bad points and failures to be avoided.
- "The town centre is important to Cumbernauld but the building the town centre lives in is not.
The current building doesn't meet our town's needs and keeps people away from our town centre. There is a lack of community pride / knowledge of our past and surely a new building which is mandated to include a historical section or monument to our past would be much greater way of preserving our heritage."
- Nothing at all it won't be missed.
- It may well represent what has gone wrong with Scottish culture and heritage over the last 50 years.
- The town centre in Cumbernauld is quite a eye soar and does nothing to enhance the area or indeed attract businesses to it.
- It's ugly and not fit for purpose and right in the middle of Cumbernauld- drawing the wrong sort of publicity
- "Again not knowing a lot about Cumbernauld I'm sure there is some value.
Regardless of the historic value this is an unsightly structure that offers no current value to the town or the residents. If anything it conveys a very negative perception of the town"
- It's important to the residents of Cumbernauld.
- It is not a town centre. It is a rambling building that is totally uninviting. Often the escalators are not working and you are forced to use the ramps. As a woman and when I had children, I have always felt unsafe on these ramps as they are very secluded. They can also get slippery in poor Scottish weather and I have been known to slip and fall. If this happened with no-one about, it could be some time before you are discovered.
- heritage yes is the years past the what where how and why. but for a building that is not fit for purpose today. not all inclusive to much to repair extortionate to run
- It's important that it's recorded but it shouldn't be preserved. Other New Towns have better town centres.
- As my previous answers - very important as a place in history and within the New Town story.
- We need better facilities
- No-one visits the town centre for it's historical importance, in fact more people probably go to other towns than come here.
- It is a shopping centre not a museum or castle. No one visits it to see it's architecture, they use it to shop in.
- Just a horrible building (town centre)
- The centre has won the award for the worst town centre on numerous occasions . If you ask the residents the people who actually use: shop there they hate it / are embarrassed by it , we are in the top ten most inhabited places in Scotland. Let's give Cumbernauld something to be proud of . It's new town not everything worked first time , embraced what is good but get rid of what does not work 60 years on , the world and the community have moved on



- Of course the building has importance, it is one of the things people associate with Cumbernauld. However I don't think that is a reason to have it designated as listed.
- Can someone tell me why it would be deemed so?
- People don't want to come and view this horrific structure.
- Absolutely not. It's an embarrassment.
- Very important but the current Town Centre doesn't tick these boxes.
- Socially, if knocked down people may take pride in their town rather than be embarrassed by it. Culturally. Tourist don't come to visit it.
- Majority of people including myself view this building as ugly and are not proud or have any attachment to it. The building serves no purpose in keeping it as most people go elsewhere to shop and spend their money
- It's a shopping centre, not Stirling Castle.
- For the few shops left. No cultural heritage at all. A concrete mess. Demolish and build a train station
- As above
- It's a blight on the scene. If Cumbernauld is to continue to improve for residents and visitors this needs to go. Cumbernauld is more famous for this ugly dilapidated lump of concrete than anything else
- There is importance in trying to develop something new and innovative (as was the original idea of creating Cumbernauld Town Centre) and as such this was an important part of cultural heritage that must be well documented. However, excellent documentation in this case is enough, we do not need to preserve the buildings which no longer serve the local population in the way they were originally intended to.
- "It isn't
People are important
This building is not"
- The great carbuncle should be removed and forgotten about for the sake of our children's future.
- No importance at all.
- Because I can't think of any reason to say that it has any importance
- The area is important as a focal point for people to shop gather etc. But it is in spite of the carbuncle that currently sits there.
- Cumbernauld town centre is an example of a run down structure that has not served the needs of the town. Having been given the Carbuncle award says it all and brings shame and embarrassment that is a horrendous legacy social depravation that needs to be wiped out
- It's only used by the people who live here as it's all we have. Nobody comes from elsewhere to see it or use it as there is nothing in it.
- It's a shopping mall
- This is surely satire
- Tells the story of mass movement imposed on city dwellers from perceived slum tenements.
- The town centre building has held back and hampered the social and cultural development and opportunities of generations of Cumbernauld residents. It shouldn't impact future generations and must be replaced with flexible, social, commercial and community developments for the good of the town



- It's an absolute eyesore and laughing stock of western Scotland, demolish it and give us a functional town centre that people actually want to go to.
- The history can be told in books and photographs - you do not need to keep ugly building which have long out served their purpose
- It is a well hated structure and the people of the town despise it
- In its current state it does not properly serve the locality never mind Scotland. The Town Centre is so bad that most top retailers refuse to locate their outlets here. There is no cinema or other attractions and the choice of cafes, restaurants and bars are mediocre at best. To my knowledge there are zero cultural attractions.
- It brings nothing of interest and is an eyesore.
- Same as previously answered
- It's not possible for the younger generation to gain anything from town centre be it cultural or otherwise it has nothing to offer older and younger generation
- It's a horrible building
- No one in their right mind would willingly think this has anything to do with the culture of Scotland
- The building does not represent the heritage, our history or the generations of people who have lived here! The buildings in the Village etc far better represent this!
- The new town project was about far more than town centres and the unfortunate legacy of the town centre distracts from factors of greater significance such as the housing and layout of the new districts, the road networks, and the (broadly successful) socio-economic impact of the new town for residents. The town centre has been an active block on that road, and is wholly a costly, ugly, distraction
- It does show a certain level of design but it's far from classic or useful.
- Needs archived in photographic form only. Demolish the lot.
- It's best that failures be forgotten and banished to the past.
- This building is holding back our community.
- Currently serves no purpose
- The heritage of Scotland doesn't require a concrete shit hole jungle to be used as it's heritage! Get rid of it now!
- I grew up in Cumbernauld. I don't personally know anyone who thinks the building should be kept as is. The Town Centre's main social or cultural impact was that we felt a sense of embarrassment about the place.
- Nil, this is due to the poor design of the building making the social aspect impossible, as there is no connectivity for social aspect and creates an unsafe environment
- See previous answers
- It's an eyesore always has been
- Not fit for purpose. There are many places that should achieve this reward but not this building.
- The new vision is perfect for modern living going forward, as the centre is now I don't see any social importance at all.
- It is a blot on the landscape of Scotland. As I've said in other answers it was a failed experiment that should have been demolished a very long time ago - parts of it demolished themselves as they collapsed and had to be removed for safety reasons (the old hotel, the old gateway supermarket)



- Yes, the building is part of Cumbernauld's history, but it isn't something that goes far back in history enough to allow us to want to protect or restore.
- The current lives of those who live near it trump this
- Only as far as a bad example and one that did not stand the test of time.
- It makes Scotland look stupid that we allow such monstrosities to crumble and scar our central belt.
- It is important to document our heritage but doesn't mean we need to keep it all. If you were to knock it down an area could be dedicated to what it once looked like. As I mentioned before Cumbernauld has changed massively from fields to housing, Asda, tesco etc and to document it would be the choice. As the move forward with innovation and sustainability we need to look at making things more adaptable/versatile.
- Again it's a horrible horrible eyesore.
- It's important for the wrong reasons, insofar as it represents what was once considered modernist and 'space age' but has actually been a dismal and unredeemingly ugly error of judgement.
- "Zero. We can learn from the error much like Glasgow's razor gangs, or high infant mortality, or Edinburgh old town's squalor of the 1700s.
The new town project of Cumbernauld has been blighted by the Town Centre. Other neighbourhoods have grown & changed & improved but the Town Centre has always been unfit for purpose."
- It is a vision of a failed evolution of the high street and as such warrants analysis as to how that happened, what factors were involved etc. to evaluate both the positive and negative. I don't think we need to preserve the structure, rather preserve the experience
- The town centre is shunned by most locals as it's not fit for purpose. To keep it would be for specialists in architectural history and not for the community who need a centre that is purposeful. The listed status is now a chain leaving myself and locals without a functioning town centre.
- It's not important as it stands but it could be a great hub for all ages if upgraded
- There is no social cohesion because of the town centre! No one wants to come to shop, socialise or attend cultural events in it! Even the people who live here never mind attract people out with the area. Only cultural venue is Cumbernauld theatre moved to a secondary school!
- It is an embarrassing structure.
- Build a museum to honour the History of the Town centre from the early sixties to have those memories for people like myself who came out too Cumbernauld from the overspill from Glasgow in the early seventies.
- If you are referring to the current building, I would say none. If you are referring to its use, then I do see through its cafes people coming together but not to the point they would refer to it as their heritage
- "The Town Centre is important but not the current structure, it is unsuitable for modern day living .
- It never was . No cinema in a place the size of Cumbernauld is outrageous, no decent restaurants or nice bakers and coffee shops nothing to interest children of all ages"
- "It was part of the country's new town generation and at the time of design, it was looked on as "futuristic."



That in itself is a statement for history as far as Scotland's growth and development stands."

- Only as an example of how not to plan a centre. The quicker it's demolished the better.
- Its a shopping centre.
- It's a shopping centre - which is in poor condition and doesn't meet modern requirements.
- "One of the reasons Cumbernauld was chosen as a site for a New Town was it's location. It's still a great location, it has plenty of history, Cumbernauld House, traditional Village/church, etc.
- Get rid of the TC, I don't think there's ever been a time when I visit it that there are not buckets all over the place catching water!!
- The TC is so uninviting to the inhabitants of Cumbernauld and the wider area. Maybe architectural students may learn from it's mistakes."
- It does really nothing to enhance it.
- A town centre is very important, just not the existing one. It's itsy bitsy and does not flow, with the different levels and branching off in all directions, with nothing of interest along the way. The existing businesses in the original centre would be much better served in a modern centre built to serve the public of the 21st century. The 2 newer attached shopping malls are where the majority of shoppers go and only use the original centre to access these newer malls.
- The town centre is an embarrassment and monstrosity - the people of Cumbernauld deserve better!
- "It shows the worst type of design and layout, that really isn't something that we should retain or celebrate.
Cumbernauld needs fresh investment and a centre laid out in a format that is attractive to all retailers."
- As a new town it has a story to tell
- Most long term residents are ashamed of the building
- There is nothing socially or culturally acceptable about this building.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld for 50 years and I have always remembered it as a cold, miserable depressing place.
- Why is it important? This town may have been important when it was built but not now. Mostly of the time, I'd rather leave Cumbernauld than shop here. There is no historical or cultural heritage left. If the reason for not pulling it down is cultural preservation then take a picture of it and put it in a museum with a note that says "An example of how not to build a town centre".
- Time to look forward not backwards.
- It is nothing more than an embarrassment
- It is a site which attracts ridicule from visitors and embarrassment from residents. It is reminiscent of the spacecraft from Mars in "War of the Worlds" so it is difficult to see how it fits into Scotland's social and cultural heritage.
- Nothing positive from this building to see as being important to either social/cultural heritage of Scotland
- Not in it's current form.
- The fact that it has assisted in Cumbernauld winning the Carbuncle of Scotland award so many times says it all



- I think the needs and aspirations of the local community need to take precedence over the any national sentiments.
- The development of all the new towns in Scotland is well documented. The outcome of any social experiment is well recorded and opinions shared. The Cumbernauld centre has not stood the test of time well and preserving it is an impediment to delivering a useful alternative to the residents of Cumbernauld. Other towns have moved on further and faster than Cumbernauld. Eest Kilbride is a good example of this. Why should Cumbernauld get locked into an obsolete and ugly relic that is unloved and unfit for purpose. Lots of the town centre is unused and no amount of effort will bring it back into use. If anyone wants to review and explore this part of Scotland's heritage buy a book or watch a film. There are plenty of them.
- The only people that this edifice is important to are academics and/or architects. The users and viewers will be glad to see it go.
- My opinion ! I've lived in Cumbernauld for more than fifty years, and I believe an improved and varied centre would be important to the service users.
- It can be replaced easily with something which looks better and increases the look of the town.
- It's only importance is to demonstrate a "folly".
- No one wants to spend a lot of time in it, would rather visit Glasgow or Stirling
- The current model not important..a future one...very important
- As above
- Do we really want to be reminded of brutalist architecture?
- No relevance
- see previous answer. I have lived in the town for over 60 years. I have worked in the town centre and, as a planning professional, am aware of its attributes and flaws. The flaws massively outnumber the attributes and the centre has to be replaced.
- As noted above, it acts as warning that not all grand plans will succeed, but its role there can be captured and recorded for posterity so the learning is gained from the failure.
- Only when winning carbundle of the year awards
- Has none if the above
- It is of no significance whatsoever.
- It is a historically insignificant
- see first reply
- The building that stands now does not represent the town of Cumbernauld or show any cultural heritage whatsoever.
- Things change. We need to be looking forward, not harking back to a mythical time when Things Were Better (Somehow) for this benighted monstrosity.
- It is an interesting example of the New Towns scheme
- While I get that this was built in a certain era, simply because something was built in a certain timeframe does not mean it should be preserved. This building was to create an entire town centre where people would enjoy being and want to get together. I feel it has failed in this. As a society we should also be able to accept where initiatives (launched with good intentions) have failed to serve the better interests of the communities they sought to serve.



- "Other examples of sixties architecture, notably high rise flats, are being pulled down throughout the country due to their ugly appearance and dysfunctional in nature i.e. people don't like them!
As for being part of our heritage, haven't we suffered enough from their existence?"
- It is a monument to social and cultural decline. Scotland's true social and cultural heritage is found in its people. The town centre is a failed architectural and planning experiment that is too large and obstructive to the improvement of people's lives to be an acceptable monument or exhibit of such an experiment.
- In its current state it is not valued in this way by the majority of people who regularly use it.
- There's nothing cultural about the centre and no one wants to socialise in it due to its current condition
- I can see absolutely no heritage in Cumbernauld whatsoever.
- Just use for shopping by some locals
- It's a joke, an embarrassment, an absolute state. It's not an attractive place to need to visit (and not a place you "want" to visit). It adds nothing to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland but brings down Cumbernauld, and has done for decades.
- Social and cultural landmarks should be something we are proud of. This building is an embarrassment. It may be of its time, however the aesthetics of the building are severely lacking. I fundamentally disagree with those who wish to preserve this building. This appears to be motivated by those more interested in the design of a building rather than the needs and views of the community.
- "I honestly almost didn't move here because of the town centre. My partner grew up in a nearby town and if it wasn't for him telling me about Cumbernauld town centre being torn down and redesigned, it's very unlikely that I would have moved here with my children.
Once the new building is completed, I will be considering moving my business from Glasgow to Cumbernauld, but I will not be doing that if the Town Centre remains as is."
- A new attractive safe environment should replace the current structure to bring back the community feel which is currently lacking within the town. Years ago the centre was a thriving social hub but now it is an empty shell resonating gloom
- Because of its design
- "Obviously with it being a town centre it's where a lot of people will choose to meet rather than travelling to one or the other house. There's also a lot of young people who are hanging around with not much else to do..so they spend their time in the centre to pass the time . It's obviously an important aspect of social life..but wouldn't say it's of any historical value
- Nothing special about it, new shops are constantly popping up then gone a year later"
- "There is nothing in it that points towards or celebrates any social or cultural heritage of the town.
A new structure could house better social amenities and a history of the site could be incorporated somewhere to document the past structure and the building of it."
- If by the town centre you mean the shopping centre with the car parks beneath, then no, it is not important. There is nothing about it that cannot be documented, recorded, and then the actual building demolished. It's a waste of money, a drain on resources.
- The town centre is an eye sore and is in need of demolition and redevelopment.



- Important if you neither live in Cumbernauld nor use the outdated, deteriorating facilities. In these financially strapped times residents should be funding new, relevant premises. Not crumbling edifices which will further drain public coffers.
- As previous
- Again, if it's important then it's only as a "here's how not to go it" illustration
- It would be important to record its creation and uses over the years but the needs of the community for a utilitarian civic space far outweigh the preservation of the TC building
- In its present form it is of no importance
- It is an embarrassment to the town and reminds us of the "worst town centre" award.
- Have no idea why it would be deemed important to the heritage of Scotland
- It is far more important that the people of Cumbernauld have a town centre and associated facilities which they can utilise and which suits modern lifestyles. This building provides none of this and many residents actively avoid the area and access other town centres instead.
- I have never heard of people coming to visit the town centre apart from the occasional film crew. So can't be very important.
- The story of the people of Cumbernauld is important but the old town centre should be best remembered as a mistaken approach to the new tomorrow, and demolished in the best interests of the people of Cumbernauld.
- It has been well enough documented over the years in local and national media for anyone with an interest to read up on at their leisure. It is however directly responsible for Cumbernauld not being the town it should be so it is if anything an inhibitor of social progress.
- It is important to the people to have somewhere decent and modern
- To let people, especially younger people understand and compare ideas from past to present times.
- Times move on and imho The Town Centre can never replicate the feeling of being a Hub as it once was
- No loss to get rid of it.
- It doesn't need to physically exist to be of interest. It can be recorded in museums.
- Only someone NOT living in Cumbernauld can possibly think it's worth keeping.
- Not currently important. It's an embarrassing location currently and not one we should be showing off to visitors.
- Nobody I know of finds anything about the concrete mess appealing
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is an essential hub for the Cumbernauld community and is also a provider of jobs and services.
- "It's an eyesore, badly designed, cold, lacks character, not easily accessed, unsafe to be alone at night.
Those that want it to be a heritage site, should be made to live in Cumbernauld"
- "To the social aspect it's important for all sorts of reasons example for me to go and meet my friends and go for a pub lunch and to use the shops and services which a new town centre could bring.
As for the Cultural Heritage part. I really think no one will miss it Cumbernauld's eye sore"
- If it is considered important then move it elsewhere. How about the decision makers back garden!



- Only to demonstrate what does not work - the building has not been maintained, it is scruffy, and quite frankly really scummy.
- It's only important in that removal without improving the area would be pointless unless there was a danger.
- Again, it is an eyesore, it is not used for the most part and embarrassing to look at when travelling into the Town Centre
- Not unless it gets rebuilt.
- As a new town and with the idea of shopping under one roof it is important but nowadays it is not unique
- Developed the mall concept but sadly was too confined to meet the freedom of floor space which quickly made its mark elsewhere too the death knell of Cumbernauld as a shopping experience.
- It's an eyesore; leaks; depressing; outdated facilities; not a place you feel safe in etc.
- I think a new Modern town centre would be used by everyone and create a busy thriving community.
- Most people just drive through, the poor people that live here have to put up with this disjointed town centre. Where's the centre???? Knock it down!
- The town centre is not fit for purpose, I don't think it can be upgraded, the last time the answer was to build the Antonine centre.
- Can't think of one reason !
- There's nothing that would possess value. It's upkeep never happened making it not worth saving
- No one in Cumbernauld likes it
- As a student of heritage and tourism myself, I completely see why there is a case for the protection of the town centre., But as a citizen of the town have left in my whole life and know firsthand how much of an embarrassment the town centre has been caught. Having travelled around the country whenever I tell someone I'm from Cumbernauld you become the butt of every joke. The town centre area of Cumbernauld has been a laughable story for many years. It's about time that there was a real investment in the town and care
- The town centre is important but certainly not the current building. It's an embarrassment.
- It's a shit hole
- I honestly don't think that the current town centre has any importance to the cultural heritage of Scotland. If you don't live in Cumbernauld I very much doubt you'd know anything about it!
- It no longer is as important as it once was and will never regain its value in these times.
- This building has no interest to the people of Cumbernauld
- Due to it being the first indoor centre
- I don't think people 2 generations beyond my own (I'm in my 50s) see any value to Scotland by keeping town centre. Architecture students, photographers value it as something they can use for studies but it doesn't contribute to Scotland's history or economy
- Preserving the memory of the town centre as it was when Cumbernauld was built and what it stood for as a 'new town' is an important part of Scotland's social and cultural



heritage but we don't need to keep the building in order to successfully preserve its heritage.

- It does not reflect a true social and cultural heritage of any person that I know who lives in Scotland
- If I say Plook on the Plinth winner for several years in a row I hope this will impart my views on its cultural heritage. As for social - what social? A collection of second rate cafes is about as good as it gets.
- The lack of footfall in the centre is visible evidence there is little to no relevance to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland.
- It is a failed experiment. Time to move on.
- It's a hideous mistake. It was always ugly and has simply become more so. It's a place that is cold, draughty, unsafe and unwelcoming. Who wants to be reminded of that 50yrs from now. Don't tell me, everyone who doesn't have to look at it everyday.
- It would be more important if it had been left intact.
- I'm sorry but its just a big carbuncle now and of no relevance to today
- Most residents do not want it as part of their culture
- It's an embarrassment
- Are you serious?
- It is only representative of a failed design.
- Not important as the town centre is not appealing enough to have this label. If it were knocked down and real investment made into the area, it could then be considered important to the social and cultural heritage as it would then draw visitors.
- As per previous
- The heritage can be reflected in the new build.
- the majority of local residents find it an embarrassment, give them something to be proud of
- Only to represent what's terrible about the 70's
- Its very important as cumbernauld keeps expanding but this town centre is useless nobody want to shop there anymore its a quick in and back out again. And no good shols want to come to a centre where the roofs all leak even inside the shops
- "As it is, the town centre has no meanig without a detailed explanation of why it is failing in its function.
Due to the charismatic personality of its designer, the building has been, and still is, inflexible and unable to be adapted without losing its architectural character and quality.
- A the Design evolved it should have been subject to a much more rigorous critique by the Corporation's design leadership and management."
- It may have been have been important at the time of building but no longer relevant. I would say the majority of Cumbernauld residents would agree that a new centre/hub is much more important than how important the building was in the sixties.
- There is nothing of the building that represents social or cultural heritage for anyone
- It's a concrete jungle since when has concrete been a Scottish heritage
- "I came to live in Kilsyth in 1988, I have always found the building to be a blight on Cumbernauld. The outside of the buildings are pretty shapeless and in my opinion ugly. I can understand why we list building that have added to our history and culture but I think that should we start to list such ugly and unappealing buildings such as these we will be driving away tourists not attracting them. The inside of the buildings is not much



better with levels and sub levels which was at least as far as I was concerned very difficult to find your way about

I think that you will have ascertained by now that I would be against such a listing."

As stated previously the whole structure is ugly - also the buildings have not been well maintained and is full of leaking roofs and poor repairs.

"Has been just a laughing stock. Built with great fanfare and advertisement. Opened by the Queen (I was there, Seafar Primary waving the flag))

Looked so modern at first but didnt take to long to start to crumble a leak and stain.

Golden eagle e.g."

- Cumbernauld is entitled to have the same recognition that other towns have in Scotland, not to be laughed at because of the outdated architecture. Money should be ploughed into regeneration and modernisation to keep up with other Scottish towns and cities.
- It is horrible, to look at, it does nothing to make Cumbernauld a town to visit and do shopping. Over the years it has been compared to a carbuncle, and Scotland's ugliest town. When you look at the Shopping Malls in other overspill new towns they put Cumbernauld's effort to shame
- There's nothing sociable about the Town Centre
- A new fit for purpose town centre is vital for the town to provide a pleasant place to shop and for groups to meet. At present the majority of the town's residents use the town centre for essential shopping e.g. food .
- It is a blot on the landscape so a positive drain on the social and cultural lives of the people who live here
- It is a dump.
- People only know it as receiving Carbuncle awards
- Buildings such as Edwardian and Victorian are lovely looking buildings and at an age where history will be of interest. Cumbernauld Town Centre, started in the 50s is very, very young and pictures can be kept for the sake of cultural heritage. There is no need to keep a building that is currently unsafe, ugly, depressing looking and the area promotes undesirable. If they go ahead to demolish the Town Centre does not get the go ahead, and so much as one person, god forbid, gets mugged/attacked, then shame on those that want to keep the buildings that are full of dark alleys and no open and well lit safe walkways.
- The mega structure represents a failed concept, not one that should be remembered.
- No body thinks it is. Its a dump and smells of pee.
- It really depends what you mean. Cumbernauld was a great project when the overspill population from Glasgow were re housed in new houses. For a time those that had lived with social deprivation and poverty were encouraged to be hopeful about their lives and that they could better themselves. The trouble is all towns and cities need to be updated and looked after, the town centre looks tired and no longer fit for purpose.
- I can't imagine anyone cares. It's been an embarrassment and a laughing stock for too long unfortunately.
- It brings down the town socially most times its empty only the antonine part gets used.
- It offers nothing of the sort to do with Scottish heritage
- It's a dump
- It does not serve the community - the historical records should be good enough.
- Very old and outdated



- The centre is hardly an important social and cultural centre for Cumbernauld never mind Scotland. The theatre is nowhere near the centre and the cinema never materialised.
- Cumbernauld is a very large place now, and it badly needs a decent shopping centre
- Compared to other New Town Centres, i.e. Livingston, East Kilbride, it's pathetic. It has nothing to attract footfall. We shop at Tescos or Asda and go outside the town to Stirling or The Fort or The Forge for other shopping.
- It is a building that ignored any Scottish architecture and historical layouts. Only one section of four was built. It may have worked in the South of France but the basic concept was ridiculous for a hill top in Scotland.
- While the centre was a milestone of sorts, it didn't really live up to the intended usage: poor execution of a possibly flawed concept.
- There are historical sites with beauty and architectural styles
- Model for how not to create a community hub.
- The town centre is of zero social and cultural heritage value for the reasons I have outlined above. It is an incoherent mess of buildings that have been added to over time and the shops within it have never attracted the local population who have voted with their feet and shop anywhere but Cumbernauld town centre if they can avoid it. Indeed in recent decades the centre has become a source of shame and embarrassment to Cumbernauld residents due to its receiving the carbuncle award on more than one occasion. Cumbernauld town centre has been the cause of ridicule of the whole town which residents have had to bear when this was entirely caused by the failure of successive governments to invest in, or manage. In the mid 1990s the Conservative government privatised the centre, selling it to a hedge fund of private speculators who have run it into the ground architecturally, socially and culturally by failing to develop the centre in a coherent architectural style. They have also signally failed to attract quality retailers to the town centre. The risible failures of the owners over the decades since then have resulted in the people of Cumbernauld avoiding it as much as they can. The town centre has been a risible and embarrassing failure and the sooner it is removed the better.
- If it was then the town centre would be thronging with visitors. It isn't.
- I'm so far as it's negative connotations and reputation as a carbuncle
- Never make this mistake again, learn from it.
- "It's such an embarrassing mess, it should be replaced ASAP. No one seems to have any common sense anymore, apparently a small fortune was spent buying, would you call it 'an installation' - which consists of some yellow slivers of metal, lit up, it looks like somebody's made it from sale items from B and Q,
- It should be put to rest, consigned to 'mistakes best forgotten',"
- It was a new town and people like my parents were shipped out to the place to start a new life with a young family so is very much a part of Scottish social history
- It has attracted visitors from all over the world and will continue to do so.
- Instead of looking like three separate buildings it should be upgraded to be one building combining retail and community facilities
I don't think of it in a social or cultural heritage context!
- Prior to being sold to a private company it was well ran and maintained. It was a social hub for not only people coming to the new town but the residents who lived in Cumbernauld prior to the new town. The cafes were busy and we had good shops. But



private ownership rising rents and lack of maintenance has created the eyesore people who dislike it complain about.

- "The planned new towns of Scotland are a significant development in the post-war period. They embraced new ideas and technologies. Cumbernauld town centre is unique in its design and embodies a bold vision of creating a multipurpose space. Each of the new towns of Scotland embrace a modern vision to living, recreation and working. They tell a story of how we dealt with overcrowding in cities and the creation of new communities."
- See previous comments please.
- It shows a time when we were ambitious about the future.
- It's the only place where the people of the town can meet up.
- Its importance lies within the niche interests of architecture, possibly town planning and the creation of Scotland's New Towns which I expect the vast majority of the population don't really care about.
- It is one of Scotland's remaining projects where social space and functionality were the drivers in design, all for the common good of the new citizens of Cumbernauld
- New towns and their buildings represent the regeneration of slum cities
- Cumbernauld is unique in Scotland & the UK for its particular typology & form. Whilst not ideally suited for the modern world & current value systems, nevertheless its place at the heart of a design new town is historically & culturally significant.
- unique
- Growing up in Cumbernauld I didn't understand why or how the town was created and the ideas behind it but as I've got older and read more about the theory and design I understand the value and importance that this played.
- The reasons are clear, given the interest shown at the time of completion.
- Example of planning in 1960s
- Because it is exactly that- it showcased designs of the future for town centre plans that should be preserved. Once demolished it can never be rebuilt
- Geoffrey Copcutt was an amazing architect and urbanist. There is little left of his work, and Cumbernauld is the apogee.
- It needs to be upgraded to improve living
- Detrimental to the moral of the town
- It's a shopping centre. It should be demolished and rebuilt to a higher standard.
- It's just a new town, it's not important at all.
- There is nothing about this structure to make it important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland. Many of the local residents hate it and want something better.
- The building has no personality and is not an enjoyable place to be. It is unfit for purpose due to leaking ceilings and other damage, and the majority of the units inside are empty
- Not in its present form.
- Its history as one of the first New Towns needs to be chronicled and acknowledged. But we also need to agree that it's no longer fit for purpose and needs to be brought into the 21st Century. The design and construction of the Town Centre has not stood the test of time and it's actively discouraging people from coming to shop or spend leisure time here.



- it's not been a cultural part of the town for many years, the only local community use is retail, other than the library. in the 70s/ 80s the town hall was in there, there were social clubs, etc but those are all long gone.
- The needs of the residents of and visitors to our town should be a priority and should be listened to. Our space and landscape could be key to the economy and to culture and tourism but as things stand we just have a huge, unsafe, wasted space that no one is proud of.
- I think very few people who live in cumbernauld have any idea that the original town centre building was anything other than a shopping centre. In the 35 years I have lived here, it has always been known as an ugly town centre building which is just a shopping centre that is unfit for purpose in the 21st century
- At best it is an example of a good idea carried out poorly.
- No importance whatsoever.
- It's horrendous and makes the town feel like a slum.
- Basically the same as the previous answers. If it was in good condition and used well it may be different.
- literally no one wants it as a listed building, its an embarrassment to cumbernauld and will impact all business and prospects for the town.
- We need a proper town centre for the community nit a derelict depressing place tgars split onto multiple sections and corridors
- Again because it just isn't, Cumbernauld is an ever expanding town of residents, residents who need a better shopping experience, tourists do not come to Cumbernauld to look at the town centre. Anyone from other towns that just happen to pass through always talk about how run down the town looks mainly due to the town centre and the horrendous bus stops underneath it.
- In the 21st century Cumbernauld should have much better facilities and hanging on to this horrible building is holding the town back.
- As it stands its not. ALL it currently offers is the housing of mediocre shops in a substandard building. Of course an older generation may have more fond memories when it was first built as it was "futuristic" and no where else had a town centre "indoors" but it's well past its time, has been for decades now
- We're not exactly making money off tourism with this eye sore
- In it's present form Cumbernauld Town Centre does not make any meaningful contribution to the social or cultural heritage of Scotland or even for that of Cumbernauld, people want it to go away, no one has any pride in it.
- Social and cultural heritage of Scotland? Really?
- The town centre needs a total upgrade. Check out Livingston's Almondvale Centre _ modern and welcoming.
- It is of no historical interest, just a building to be learned from and not to make the same mistakes in the future.
- Cumbernauld town centre is a constant reminder of its failure and being designated a carbundle. The opportunity must be taken to put the town's failed history in the past and build a 21st century centre that hopefully will serve the community.
- It would be if it was demolished and rebuilt
- The people of Cumbernauld see the town centre, as it stands, as an embarrassment and somewhere to avoid.



- Cumbernauld was, possibly, of importance back in the 70s when the new satellite towns were being set up to help ease pressure on Glasgow but times move on and this place hasn't. It is time to invest properly in the town. We can't keep building houses and not have the infrastructure to support.
- It does not have any positive historical significance⁸
- I can accept that the ideas behind the structure have some significance in terms of the vision of new towns at the time. However this vision was generally accepted to have been flawed. For that reason it's more appropriate to be recorded in the history books rather than condemn the local residents to its failure in perpetuity.
- It's an old, dilapidated building!!! How is that of social and cultural importance?
- "Cumbernauld demands a town centre fit for purpose that will command civic pride . It has been labelled a national carbuncle and is an architectural embarrassment."
- As per previous comments - film and photographic evidence is available to demonstrate what the Town Centre once was. Even in its current state, it barely resembles the building it once was. Time to move on.
- I think the social and cultural heritage of Scotland can live fine without this building.
- "When you say the Town Centre do you mean the existing building or what the town centre of one of the largest towns in Scotland should be?
The existing building is of no importance but a redeveloped Town Centre in its general sense would be important to the future social and economic development of Cumbernauld and thereby Scotland."
- As before has no historical relevance.
- Cumbernauld population want this replaced. Therefore, it currently has zero social and heritage importance.
- It has become an answer that people use out of necessity
- It needs a town centre for the whole of Cumberland's community where people can meet and shop and relax and just to visit.
- It's a "new town" but the building is past it and should allow for a new building fit for purpose
- I have said before. The town centre is embarrassing.
- Slum clearances, new towns - an important part of our recent history and heritage.
- It's only crumbling bricks and mortar, life moves on
- I did like it as a kid cause it was a good place to play hide and seek
- It's a carbuncle and causes people to think all of Cumbernauld is awful !
- I believe it has had its day and think that a building which is designed to navigate easily around, with easy access for people of all abilities would be more appropriate. It is a hotch potch of so many extensions and alterations, it doesn't have any significance to the social or cultural heritage of the town.
- It's a total eyesore and a drain on local resources.
- It's an eyesore and an example of how NOT to build. Get it down!!!!
- The complex is needed to support the local population but not in its current format
- The new towns themselves are of interest socially and culturally but not the town centre
- Just because it got an award when it was built does not still make it a building worth preserving.
- It is important to recognise Cumbernauld as one of the new towns ... but sadly it is the worst of all the new towns.



- It's a failed shopping centre most local residents try to avoid.
- An example of the failure of town planning in the 1960s.
- Just because something attracted interest from the architectural community when it was first constructed does not mean it is culturally important in perpetuity. In addition, the building has, for many years, shown major signs of disrepair and many people I've spoken to - including people who work there - consider it a health hazard. That, regardless of any affection anyone may have for it, is unacceptable in a modern society.
- It is absolutely nothing to be proud of. There have been successes and failures in all areas of life. How often do we celebrate a failure? They quite rightly demolished the Glasgow slums. They were part of our country's heritage. Are you suggesting we should bring these back to because they were part of our past?
- "Time to Move on and create better"
- It would be great to have photos of this eyesore and items such as the clock, around the new building which shows the history of the centre, but not for the actual building to remain.
- The town itself is important to the history of Scotland, not the town centre building. Cumbernauld Theatre was if more culturally valuable and North Lanarkshire Council still chose to shut that.
- "I think from a social aspect it is very important that the people of Cumbernauld have a decent place to visit and meet up with friends.
As for cultural heritage, it is not a thing of beauty to be admired, having lived in Cumbernauld for 46 years I have found that when meeting new people they immediately pity me that I live in a concrete jungle as outsiders like to call it. I defend my town as much as I can, however the photos that show the original buildings say it all."
- It's a dump and need demolished
- If in another city/town I would not visit it. Its laughable especially as its joined onto another newer building (Antonine Centre).
- Do we want to glorify an eyesore? Was it not also referred to as a carbuncle?
- It is not fit for purpose as a Town Centre where people of the town should be able congregate and socialise with cafes and restaurants or a civic square.
- It's an eyesore which is not fit for purpose
- It's in no way important. Knock it down and build something relevant to the lives of people now
- It's a new town. It has very little history
- People in Scotland laugh at this structure.
- A town centre should be the hub of the town. We have a wonderful space and it's not being used to its full potential.
- As I have stated, the locals avoid the shopping centre so I can ensure you that nobody is interested in visiting for culture.
- It is remembered as one of the first towns built for the overspill from Glasgow. Making life better for people moving here. It should therefore live up to this heritage and continue to move with the times and make life even better for the new residents as well as the originals.
- Despite its disfunctionality, the town centre is well used by locals.



- Cumbernauld was a social experiment to get people out of Glasgow slums like many other new towns at the time but the town centre doesn't reflect this other than it is stuck in a 1960's time warp.
- I strongly disagree that Cumbernauld town centre is of any special architectural interest. I have grown up in Cumbernauld and the town centre is an eyesore. It is embarrassing and brings absolutely no value/service to the community or its residents. The current Cumbernauld town centre should be demolished and a more modern/convenient design should be built in its place that benefits the residents of Cumbernauld and brings more shops/services that benefit the local economy. A large proportion of the Cumbernauld town centre is currently inhabitable and brands/shops do not want to be associated with it, this is of massive detriment to the Cumbernauld residents and local economy.
- It is [REDACTED] needs blow up
- It's an eyesore and an embarrassment to Scotland.
- There is a need for a town centre but not this dodgy piece of architecture.
- It's an era of bad design which should be forgotten
- Part of the "New Towns" project which was to improve housing for Scottish people. The failure of the town centre has meant that there is little identity with the town and its population. People spend money elsewhere. In my case, other than groceries and fuel for cars, I spend my disposable income elsewhere. Shopping choices are limited as are entertainment and culture.
- No one is interested in this and lots of people are unaware of it, it's not an important building for Scotland
- It's an eyesore that has been butchered beyond recognition of the original design. It serves no real purpose to those of us that live locally and would be denied a functioning town centre by keeping the current building in place.
- It is within the memory of the town, places like the CDC club and red triangle are talking points for the older generation but those memories have already outlived the places they were found. Doesn't do anyone new any good that everywhere is either shut now or at best a 2/10 for quality
- You would be put off going to it. Most of the shops are either charity or cheap tat
- Only as an example of the New Town philosophy.
- In fact, I'd go so far as to say it is actually the opposite - an embarrassment to the people of Cumbernauld.
- You could not spend any happy shopping days here as it's so depressing
- This structure was a mistake, a failed attempt at road safety and detrimental to the town
- Nothing good came off this building and nothing ever will it doesn't work as a town centre
- Again, it was a revolutionary concept at the time, however ill conceived from the outset (in terms of its location at the top of a hill in the wet and windy climate of west central Scotland) and quickly became compromised through modifications and demolitions.
- It is a building with a purpose which it now does not fulfil
- The centre is no longer fit for purpose and should become an example of an outdated approach to town centres. As such it should be recorded and then removed to make way for an improvement.
- There isn't a building there worthy of the description of social or cultural!



- The idea of a "town centre" is important, but the current building are not suitable for that purpose. They should be taken down and replaced.
- It is central !
- It hasn't anything to do with the heritage of Scotland, the only value it has is as a joke figure for mock awards
- It really wouldn't!
- The current Cumbernauld Town Centre is an example of where social and cultural heritage was poorly planned and consistently misdirected. As such it is important only in being an example of how NOT to build and manage such a site.
- Social and cultural heritage? Nil.
- "Hardly any leisure facilities no cinema etc
Too many pawn shops"
- It was awful when built and still is
- "It is an embarrassing relic, and the object of considerable hilarity and derision. It also stigmatises people who live here."
- The destruction of this architectural eyesore is important to the social and cultural heritage of the working class people of Cumbernauld who have had to suffer the embarrassment of association with it for the last 50 years. We need to take back pride in our town. Proponents of its status as a piece of architectural heritage are welcome to dismantle it piece by piece and rebuild it on Great Western Road if they wish. NIMBY admirers i shall call them.
- It's important for the town to have good facilities
- it is but the town centre is whole place not merely the monument on stilts. A vacant lot is as important to the community if it's where the houses and paths lead into. The purpose of a built centre is to augment and enhance that social life. the building as it now is an encumbrance. The community thrives in spite of it.
- The town centre is not important, it is the people and the community and also the landscapes Cumbernauld village , condorat Village, the New allotments who make Cumbernauld .
- It's not the TC that's important the heritage of Cumbernauld is in Cumbernauld and Condorat village
- Any new town or overspill area is important in historical and cultural terms in developing a sense of community. The buildings and structures - good and bad- play a significant role in shaping people's lives and subsequent heritage.
- It was a world leading when it was built.
- Please get real - it is an eye sore and does not function and would hate to know how inefficient it is regarding running costs
- Who is going to visit it to take in its cultural history. I feel depressed just shopping in it
- Cumbernauld was built as one of the New Towns used as overspill from Glasgow. It has progressed from being a refuge from the city with its own industries to a dormitory town servicing Glasgow. The latest example is the political move of around 1,000 HMRC officers to Glasgow that will destroy the retail businesses of shops and cafes built up over the years.
- It's been an embarrassment to the people of Cumbernauld for years.
- It's an embarrassment
- We need to change as there is not much social or cultural influences in Cumbernauld



- It's done its job, but now, let's just start again
- It is important in that it serves as a clear example of the lack of an attractive Town Centre that it's residents would be proud to use and show off to visitors. It demonstrates the opposite of a modern civic space.
- "Very few, if any people ever come to Cumbernauld for sightseeing. Cumbernauld needs to be for those who live here. Those who live here need work and business opportunities as well as practical and enticing retail, relaxation and entertainment options. The current building does not cover this."
- We need to break the long held beliefs that new towns were a failure. Tearing it down and replacing it with a modern, cheap, poorly built monstrosity won't solve that. Finish the job. Say "look we retained the original structure, odd looking as it is, made it safe and, in listening to the community, used the space wisely. Essentially, we finished the job'.
- "Scotland has to move on from this weird romance of not being that good at things. We have the capability to record information for future generations to study without actually retaining the actual site."
- As time changes so does the look of the town centre. It is outdated and does not represent Cumbernauld as a whole
- It's an eyesore
- I have lived in the town since 1982, and never saw it as architecturally interesting
- The town centre is a functional osace that does not work for the people of Cumbernauld. It has no basis for heritage as this is a new town and badly thought out. The town does not have culture element.
- The Cumbernauld town centre would have far greater importance if totally redeveloped to suit the people who live in Cumbernauld and would like to use it
- It is not a fit for purpose venue.
- I am not saying that nobody is interested in this. It was cutting edge at the time. It garnered huge cudos as a first of its kind, but its ugly, disfunctional.and not fit for purpose. It needs to be brought up to date to deliver current community needs.
- No one comes to visit it from outside the town yet we have one of the busiest motorways running past the front door.
- Who visits it unless they have to??
- It may be of historic interest, but it's no longer functional or attractive. It's more a lesson on an experiment which didn't work in the long term.
- We are a joke to the rest of Scotland
- Don't think it would be missed by too many
- As it stands its not important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland
- It has been a source of embarrassment to many of the people of Cumbernauld as it was not fit for purpose.It did not being the community together.
- All as above
- Hee haw there
- As above - if you want to keep a reminder as to how new build town centres failed in achieving their aim - keep a picture of it and all the unoccupied spaces within it, reflecting its total lack of a heart and soul.
- Other than a second-rate shopping experience it has no social function and is culturally defective



- It has become an embarrassment due to neglect
- It is a laughingstock to the people of Cumbernauld and Scotland especially around Glasgow
- Again a hideous building which serves no purpose and really should be torn down redesigned and have a wider range of shops to enhance the area. We do not need to keep it for historic reasons. I cannot see any social or cultural value.
- It's an embarrassment - people mock u about it
- The town centre is important in terms of the community, the vision and the resilience of the people but the actual architecture is only of historical importance in terms of its failure. It's interesting in that respect but people shouldn't be forced to live with it!
- It was an experiment gone wrong , and needs to be redeveloped.
- It's about as important as any public lavatory.
- The building is in such a state of disrepair and is not disabled friendly
- Everyone I know from Cumbernauld has nothing positive to say about the megastructure. Please listen to the people that have to use the place.
- It is unmistakable as anywhere else, and although criminally under maintained and inhospitable, it could be so much more if properly looked after.
- "This building represents that age and is as important as Edinburgh Castle. If properly looked after this building should be the centrepiece of the area."
- It is important to those who live, work and visit the town, or have historic ties.
- It's one of the key Scottish examples of European socialist modernism.
- The design and concept helped in improving development for other New Towns in the Country.
- "It is one of a kind.
It harks back to and still reflects the 60's and 70's which still hold as the two most exciting and creative decades musically, socially and culturally, and artistically.
To lose a building with the inherent design and art of those two periods would be heart-breaking.
I hope we can stop the destruction or change of the existing original features before any more are lost.
I.e. murals, tiled walls, portholes, passageways etc."
- New town so no history and not architecturally pleasing or well built
- See previous answers. It needs to be demolished, and quickly.
- It is important as in showing what is bad and no longer works and why development has to happen but again this can be shown in photos. Don't punish Cumbernauld to show this, if you leave it retailers will start to leave.
- The town centre has no social or cultural heritage as it is still classed as a "new town". I personally think something has to be older to fit this category.
- There are many buildings in Glasgow with more historic importance than the Cumbernauld town centre sorry. There buildings in Cumbernauld like where Cumbernauld theatre used to be and beautiful scenery in Cumbernauld I wish that would remain.
- No cultural significance to Scotland
- A town centre fit for purpose is. This one is neither important to the social and cultural heritage of Scotland nor fit for purpose.



- Majority of people from Cumbernauld want rid of the building. Fail to see any importance of social and cultural heritage of Scotland.
- Failed social experiment
- It is fundamentally a concrete box that is falling down. The roof leaks everywhere. Very few if any inner original features.
- "Cumbernauld town centre offers nothing to the heritage of Scotland. Cumbernauld Town Centre has no sense of identity, Cumbernauld has no sense of place as a whole as it is an entirely planned town built from concrete that hasn't been allowed to develop organically as guided by the local community and also there is no history in order to inform any identity.
Cumbernauld Town Centre exists purely for everyone who lives in the town to hate it and most people outside the town to laugh at, if that counts towards social heritage."
- Only people who do not live here and are utterly eccentric would argue for this
- "Unless you think sausage suppers and folk smoking weed and drinking Buckie is of cultural significance then no. [REDACTED].
The big Tesco has more cultural significance."
- Not as it stands that's for sure
- The only importance it has is to remind planners and councils Not to repeat the mistakes made with this.
- No interest at all. People utilise the centre because of convenience.
- I hold no social cultural wealth as the population find it abhorrent. It's s ghost building unused and not in a fit state to bring into any state of modern condition.
- Bluntly, it is used as a stick to beat Cumbernauld with by people from other areas - nothing else.
- Fir the reasons stated previously.
- It was in its time but that time has passed and the town needs to move on.
- The building is important architecturally - but it needs to be important for the people of the Town and providing benefit to the Town
- "It only ever seems to be ridiculed or mocked. The town needs to move on from the town centre and have the opportunity to redevelop and modernise.
The building was featured in the film Gregory's Girl but so was Abronhill High School and that has been demolished. Saving the clock within the Town Centre and rehiring it within a new centre would, I feel, preserve some cultural importance."
- The area is important for the people of Cumbernauld but not the building itself.
- Why would it be.
- Cumbernauld. as a new town has varied over many years with new build developments. This building has no demonstrable impact on its history. Other building such as the college building are of more interest. This building is seen as a failure of the new town.
- It's about tine Cumbernauld was somewhere worth visiting . We need a decent shopping centre like they have in most other parts of north Lanarkshire
- For the development of culture, we require progress and to join the new age world. As it currently stands the town center is nothing but a hinderance on that idea, we have no real interest from big business to invest, why? Because the people (who make the culture) from my conversations with them as a collective seem adamantly against going in there unless they have to. Noone will want to back that, or noone serious anyway. I think without the center, and receiving a new look would make the people of this town



feel progress is happening. A symbol of hope you could say, that indeed authorities care about Cumbernauld to finally put the people before a building.

- The town is important. This building isn't. A modern multi purpose town centre is of far greater importance socially for the residents here now.
- Again we can look at photos if we want to remember how it was in the past but it's so out of date now and not fit for purpose. Give us a town centre we should have with trees and plants and modern buildings that suit the surroundings
- "We need a modern shopping area which people would come to. Livingston, as an example, put us to shame.

We have expensive houses in the town but shopping centre is a poor standard. People deserve better shopping centre or high street"

- Can't be accessed on foot because of its location. Feels like any shopping centre built in the 70s on Scotland.
- I don't think that a cluster of buildings where people undertook everyday activities; got their groceries, got their hair cut, did their banking, collected their family allowance (child benefit) is of any particular importance.
- This is an example of failed 1960s planning and should be removed as a failed attempt at town planning
- It has historical significance in the building of new towns
- As a centre for the Cumbernauld area it is important. At present the town centre is failing. Look at the success of the retail park at Broadwood. Cumbernauld Town Centre needs to be replaced and upgraded facilities provided.
- It is not viewed highly by the people of Scotland - the TV advert 'what's it called...' makes a mockery of the town and town centre. The town should be allowed to reimagine itself and move forward.
- As above
- It is of no importance, on the contrary it is a hindrance to Cumbernauld and it's ability to flourish.
- "Cumbernauld Town Centre is a particular example of post war regeneration and failed experimental social engineering.
It is important as a case study on why it didn't fully work."
- It is an execrable example of modern building.
- Why?
- Should be a centre for the community for shopping and leisure facilities
- It's an eyesore and gives me even more reason not to want to go to Cumbernauld.
- This building needs a much needed upgrade to benefit the residents of Cumbernauld providing jobs and better facilities
- Nothing cultural about this mess
- It's not the only think it dose is make people make fun of you because your from Cumbernauld god sake
- It an embarrassment to Scotland, to think in the modern world this has any value is a mistake.
- It is a hub for families . Students, draws better shops if more people visit ,
- It's an ugly, soulless shopping centre that is hated by residents, how can that impact the cultural heritage of a country?
- Not old enough to be classed as Heritage



- It's a area that needs a stamp put on it wanting people to visit the area
- It has no bearing on our Scottish Heritage whatsoever.
- "More worthy historic building within Scotland that will stand the test of time and contribute to the Scottish appeal/tourist industry.
This is just a below average town centre with no appeal to anyone."
- The rest of the country laughs at us.
- Just as answer on previous question
- In its current state it is of no use to Cumbernauld unless you spend a lot of money on it. At the moment it looks horrendous and does nothing for Cumbernauld.
- The people who have to live in the town want it tore down and replaced with something modern
- See earlier comments.
- Cumbernauld has been viewed as a "carbuncle" and voted as Most dismal town twice
- Don't think people travel to Cumbernauld town centre as a tourist attraction.
- Not important at all - this is not a place people enjoy visiting.
- We should be protecting the places that have improved the social and cultural heritage of Scotland - not protecting the structures that are an embarrassment to Scotland and enforced decades of social and cultural loss on the local population of Cumbernauld.
- It's Cumberland.
- Its only important to people as a shopping centre and not anything to do with the above.
- You can't live in the past, merely remember it. Onwards and upwards.
- It is a lesson in failure of both design and management of a town centre, the reason why it is the only one of its kind is that it didnt work. Yes people will have happy memories of visiting the original town centre but that is more to do with the New Town mindset not the merits of the design of the building.
- From my experience, people I know from all over Scotland have a very low opinion of Cumbernauld. Therefore I don't think they would agree that Cumbernauld is important to the social and culture heritage of Scotland. I personally don't think Cumbernauld Town Centre deserves to be saved for any reason. The people of Cumbernauld deserve something better.
- This sizeable town requires retail and leisure facilities.
- I would struggle to put forward any argument that it was
- As in my notes above, the building of new towns after the war has an important place in our social history. However, the town centre is no longer fit for purpose and is in desperate need of regeneration.
- I don't think the building is a good example of the social or cultural heritage of Scotland. It was put together for many purposes but it does not meet these social or cultural needs or demonstrate how Scotland, lives, works or socialises throughout history
- Again, a very dated structure. Not fit for purpose. Bad for the environment. Is a failure of the design of that time. It should not be repeated
- Ditto
- See above.
- It is of no cultural or historical relevance or interest.
- It is only an example of how NOT to design.
- Partly because of the new town structure and partly because the surrounding areas are so lacking.. It us out identity but not one I am proud of. I have long felt that if the t/c



building were the eyes to the soul, that we were doomed. I think the lack of Ability to have Cultural pride in the building is sad. It was not wise for open flat roofs at the top of a hill and has been good money after bad ever since. Have been putting lipstick on a pig since I was a child and I am 60 now!

- It's maybe an example of how not to plan a town centre. But it shouldn't be a living one.
- Photographs are all we need.
- Do we want to celebrate misery?
- Whilst it is an important experiment, it failed. There is no good reason to stick with it, it should be consigned to history.
- People want to use a town centre not admire it.
- I am positive it would never be a centre of any sort of attraction except for a very small number of people. It would be a waste of the Societies time and resources.
- The Library is very important It is great and does mornings groups for babies and young children as well as offering other services for adults The new Town Centre should offer much more facilities for the future generations who will be the ones to use it This is what the we need to thrive as a community Facilities for all age groups is required
- It is a laughing stock across the country and a point of ridicule to others
- "It is detrimental to the town in so many way
It offers no benefits other than it's there
The current owners do not keep it clean apart from anything else"
- The place has very minimally gelled into anything social or cultural in all the years it had the time and talent to so.
- "The town centre building represents a significant aspect of the heritage of Scotland in its role as the heart of one of Scotland's new towns. It symbolizes the spirit of the part of Scottish culture that is unafraid to forge new paths, experiment with radical ideas for the benefit of the mass of the population. It aimed to bring activities, uses and people together in one place that was shared and open to all. It aspired to provide a new way of living with people close to nature but also within a short walking distance of all the amenities they needed in a compact urban mega-structure.
The integration of art works in the town's development and the role of the Development Corporation are all important parts of Scotland's social and cultural heritage. The town centre building resonates beyond it's immediate location through it's appearance in TV and film, notably Gregory's Girl."
- Simply it is not!
- To learn from its mistakes
- None whatsoever, its legacy can remain in pictures
- It has no social or cultural importance. It is simply a structure which is not fit for modern day purpose.
- Not sure
- "It is a carbuncle and stain on Cumbernauld and it's people.
It had no soul, no culture. It is depressing to look at."
- Both because of its architectural and historical significance (see above) and its potential as heritage of the future. If suitably refurbished in its original steel-grey space-age form (and stripped of the crude plastic roofing, cladding and partitioning that have disfigured it since the 1980s - which would not be difficult), it could act as an iconic magnet of C20 heritage identity and 'upmarket' cultural tourism.



- I think photographic evidence would suffice as important enough for cultural heritage.
- Cultural? Heritage? It's more a reminder of how both the above were ignored in its design. It says nothing Scottish at all.
- It is not widely loved or easily loveable in its current disrepair, but the same was true in their different ways of St Pancras Station in London or Cardross. Looking beyond the reversible damage the building has experienced from poor and unsympathetic management, this was, and could be again, a vital showpiece of Scottish forward-looking courage in architecture and urbanism.
- It's as important as anything Scotland built in the post war period
- It's going down in history for one of the worst centres....its the people in cumbernauld that matter in this not the whole of scotland. History is history and that's what education is for. Cumbernauld has its history, it needs to make history and do the unexpected...think of those who live within the local areas
- It represents an era of misguided and twisted social engineering where the people had no say in the design and facilities.
- It is and was a concrete jungle which the wind used to howl through. Most people I worked with at Cumbernauld hated it.
- The local communities need a space which lifts the community> all the people I speak to that live here and Students hate the Old Centre, and would gladly travel to Glasgow , Fort - Braehead etc for a better experience.
- Learn from mistakes
- "Not important at all, other than as a constant reminder of the failures of sustainable design of the past.
Architectural vanity of the time rather than aesthetic and fit for purpose."
- Not important in its current state.
- The decaying building stands as a beacon of shame, stigma and embarrassment for the people of Cumbernauld. It is a sad testimony to the neglect that Cumbernauld has suffered over the years. A large proportion of the population do not use the Town Centre as it no longer attracts the popular shops forcing people to use the large out of town developments.

Q.10 - List

Do you think the Town Centre should be designated as a listed building? - List?

- Yes (323)
- No (1827)

Do you think the Town Centre should be designated as a listed building? - Please explain your answer in the box below:

- "The complex is an internationally significant example of the 'megastructure' concept. A salient aspect of this typology is the scope for adaptive re-use.
There are few examples of this type of civic intervention in Scotland.



The Town Centre is an internationally significant construct and thus socially and culturally important for our built heritage."

- As a means to stop demolition but not to stop it being repurposed for a new world which was fundamental to the concept.
- I have a hair salon in the town center and would not be able to afford the new hub that is to replace the town center. There is a lot of units that could not go into the new hub. Small businesses need the town centre.
- The centre is a blight on the town. It is of little architectural significance, owing to the fact that it has been so significantly modified. It has exaggerated problems in the town, rather than being an architectural monument or structure that benefits the place that it occupies. The architectural conceptual modernist ideals that were used to develop this building were executed very poorly in the final designs. The building is in a very bad state of decay and in the UK marketplace I believe it would be impossible to find an investor willing to renovate the centre. Please do not list this building and allow it to be demolished to be replaced with a new town centre that people can be proud of, and that will be beneficial to the town, rather than a hindrance.
- Awful Architecture
- Cumbernauld has lived with the monkey on its back of a misfit town centre which has reflected upon the towns prospects and prosperity.
- "There is no valid reason to designate the Town Centre as a listed building. The numerous alterations to the original megastructure, including the demolition of the hotel, phase 3 and part of phase 1 have already severely altered the original Town Centre megastructure. Any special architectural or historical interest is minimal at best and perhaps only of interest to a very select and small group of individuals.
The Town Centre as it currently stands does not serve the inhabitants of the town as it should and applying a listed building designation to the Town Centre would only hinder any attempts to improve the area and create an inclusive, safe and sustainable area for the people of Cumbernauld and North Lanarkshire to enjoy and be proud of."
- Of historical interest.
- Architectural style, historical importance, social and cultural importance.
- It is unique. There is nothing else like it. It was also the first indoor shopping mall in the UK. This building was a trailblazer.
- As the first building of its kind. It is a significant historical building and should be recognised as such.
- Unique example of a pioneering concept executed in the Brutalist style. Despite the fact that it was never completed and that subsequent unsympathetic add-ons and lack of maintenance and development of original megastructure mean that the centre is perceived as ugly, confused and not what the people of Cumbernauld want or need, I think the original part of the centre is intrinsic to Cumbernauld's identity.
- It's part of the history as a new town. I'm a huge fan of brutalist architecture and the way things are going there will be none left.
- I do believe there are elements of the building that are iconic (specifically the tower with the flats inside resembling a space ship haha). I feel this area of the centre is iconic - often used as a symbol of the town. However I do not feel it is worthwhile to preserve the rest of the existing building, it is incredibly run down and does not serve the local community.



- For all of the reasons above and also due to the fact that the building holds sentimental significance to many of the current and former residents of the town. If demolished the area would remain a building site and I am not convinced that the proposed redevelopment is fiscally feasible and would be followed through. The demolition would also result in the permanent closure or relocation of many local businesses to outside of Cumbernauld. Even without these reasons, the building is simply one of a kind and should be remembered for its original vision.
- My reasons stated above.
- For all the reason previously given. It should not be replaced with a soulless box style of limited venture.
- As above
- As above.
- Particularly the penthouse section
- It escapes Bland Wimpyism. It is one of a few Neo-Brutalist examples.
- Yes and no! If they do it right then yes. I'm afraid I have no trust in Northlan to do anything more than bugger it up either way
- Only phase 1 and not subsequent phases.
- "I feel it should be designated as a listed building but it is also vitally important to recognise that if it is the megastructure must be substantially renovated and incorporated successfully into the 'hub' concept.
It must be a 24 hour location and not a shopping centre that can be closed at 'shutting up time'"
- Why destroy something for the gain of the council, I have no trust in them that Cumbernauld will get anything promised.
- To lose all of what was designed would be a tragedy, as Cumbernaulds proximity to Glasgow means large leisure and retail projects are always overshadowed by Glasgow. Cumbernauld needs a reminder of its place, not a small replica of what exists everywhere else.
-money might be spent on it!
- "The vision of the architect to create a community integrated with civic, leisure and shopping was a vision of the future.
The design was futuristic and use of material inside flats contrast with brutalism .
What a spectacular setting it must have looked to those leaving slum conditions in Glasgow."
- To be saved for future generations to learn and see how cumbernauld was in the 60s and 70 s
- It's iconic. Preserve it. Look after it.
- The building should be listed and restored to original plans- we must save this worldwide studied example of architecture and celebrate it.
- The Town Centre should be listed as it is one of a kind, beautiful example of brutalist art, it is of its time with historic relevance to Scotland .
- Only the main building.
- Whilst I have limited experience with the building (seen it from a car on the way to other places). I am quite young really and live very far from it. I have never seen it in its prime, yet it speaks to you regardless beyond the demolition, crap and neglect. I understand the interiors are very bad but the wholesale demolition of the building will be regretted



in years to come. A creative rejigging of the building internally could prove to improve it dramatically whilst staying true to the vision and making it livable.

- "It is one of the most well recognised buildings of the post-war era of rebuilding and reshaping urban environments and providing better standards of living out of the city slums
It is unique and, love it or loathe it, it speaks of an optimistic era in Scotland's history."
- It's big, ugly, brutalist, but it represents a unique time in Scotland's cultural and social history. There is nothing else like it anywhere. Too many times Scotland has lost historic buildings only later to regret the decision to bring in the bulldozers.
- It's what makes Cumbernauld, Cumbernauld. It's a vital part of the town, it's the image of the town. It does require a lot of investment to get it up to a modern standard but I believe that's what should happen. Modernise it!!
- The original buildings constructed in the 1960/70s yes. Everything else should go and be repurposed.
- Despite its current state of neglect. The Cumbernauld Town Centre is a masterpiece of Brutalist Architecture. Every effort should be made to not only maintain that but revert it back to its former purpose.
- Yes, as an example of brutalist architecture and innovative town planning.
- For all the reasons given above, and as the centrepiece of Britain's finest new town architecturally - a place being bulldozed without any real understanding or appreciation. Keeping what's left of the town centre could stand for the rest.
- Because it was the first of its kind in the UK
- It is an iconic example of 1960s civic architectural thinking.
- It is a unique architectural example of a style of building that has been erased from our landscape and deserves a place in the history of planning and architecture
- I don't think anyone should tear it down
- "Designation as a listed building will allow a significant piece of architecture which has influenced subsequent, albeit less complex, approaches to retail and service structures within the country.

Retaining the megastructure not only respects an iconic piece of architectural and town planning heritage but also the significance of Post-War attitudes and approaches to social and cultural development.

In addition, given the current global environmental desire to minimise carbon issues, the retention of such a significant structure should be used as a catalyst for change again. By retaining and using appropriate and sympathetic methods an iconic concrete structure can demonstrate:(a) how to prevent significant embodied carbon being detrimental to the environment,

(b) pioneer for a second generation the ability to adapt and provide town centre public realm to benefit local communities, and

(c) give proper regard to the Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021/22-2025/26 which sets out a long term vision of infrastructure in Scotland, which supports an inclusive, net zero carbon economy .

Listing Cumbernauld Town Centre would mark and celebrate the building's special architectural and historic interest. This would protect and enable focused ambition to enhance it for current and future generations to enjoy. While the megastructure may not be viewed as particularly old in a historic context by many it is a unique example of a specific period of time which highlights and embodies significant and radical



architectural, town planning, social and cultural change age. The development of New Towns in the context of that Post-War era and the grand scale of Brutalist-Modernist design are unlikely to ever happen again. The Town Centre Megastructure's rarity (even within its own time but also beyond) cannot be argued. Its aesthetic appeal is debatable and contentious which should not be held against it, but by creating stark and varied opinion demonstrates its individuality and is a healthy result which can inspire reflective thought and impact upon future architects and planners own decisions for the future. Representing one of a kind and being still standing should in itself note the importance of its context and influence for future generations."

- Probably only the elevated platform, but yes, that should be designated listed or protected in some way in my opinion
- I'm not sure as I'm not sure of the architectural importance. It looks old and shabby now but offices and small business offices need to be available. Also citizen advice.
- "It has architectural significance, is widely studied as an architectural piece and is recognisable in the architectural community throughout the world.
It has a historic significance in terms of the development of Cumbernauld as a New Town and the idea of creating a new town around a cluster of small villages in order to alleviate population problems in cities after the second world war.
It is also significant as being an early example of indoor shopping centre in Scotland, which was later replicated throughout the country.
It had a social significance as being a central hub which provided all the amenities that the town required within one central area, which in turn provided access to many members of society who may not be able to travel between different areas of a town to visit shops, banks, the library, etc."
- Preserve heritage of that era
- For all the reasons I have described previously (and by the way I hope atleast someone reads this).
- Unique and innovative architecture reflecting the times it was built.
- I believe the porthole section should be kept and if possible made into a functional housing/visitor space. The rest of the building has no special merit.
- And no. Just this part shown in the photos or the other side of the road too?
- Because its unique. And although not classically a desirable pretty building, losing it will be destroying a part of history.
- It's important from an architectural and historic perspective. In the 1960s people covered up victorian architecture as viewed as old fashioned, something that horrified house buyers in 1990s as they sought to return the architectural integrity of cornices, fireplaces and panelled doors. This is a town centre equivalent, and I believe that future residents will miss the current town centre if it is destroyed by 2020s equivalent of architectural vandals.
- a unique view into architectural ideals and urban planning when it was built
- It was the first of its type - the biggest drawback has been the ownership of the building just wanting to make profit without any consideration of what the town needed! With less stress on profit costs could be reduced and make it more attractive for new businesses to set up within the centre!
- Should be listed but only with reservations about the later additions and changes
- Because it's unique in Scotland, a rare built example of a megastructure, an integral part of Cumbernauld, and an important piece of the Scottish New Towns programme.



- Should be preserved for future generations. It's an integral part of the new town.
- I believe it should be retained but does require significant interventions to restore its form and be internally modified to meet current and future needs. Listing needs to be considered in such a way as to facilitate this change
- I think it should be listed along with a promise of restoration and maintenance. Perhaps a visitor centre or similar.
- It shouldn't be JUST listed. It should be listed and restored to original plan. Properly restored not cheap fix. It has been so neglected and seems bodged. It should be listed and restored to proper original plans to be even better than original
- In terms of the listing of the building, it is a hugely significant piece of architecture which could be brought back to economically viable use with some investment. It represents the entire town of Cumbernauld in a way that is rare for any other piece of architecture. It is of significance worldwide as an example of postwar rethinking of the city and town; at the level of Scotland as an example of our bold social conscience in architecture and planning; and at the level of the town itself: as a true icon of the town which still has the potential to be the heart of an important town where people deserve the promise of Cumbernauld Town Centre to be fulfilled.
- "Not all of it. If it is returned to its original glory of its amazing brutalist architecture and if someone actually takes care of the place and restores it then it should be listed. It shouldn't be listed as it is a dump just now. Only once it's returned to its glory and the failed attempts to modernise it have been removed"
- We must not lose this iconic building, in my opinion, to potential redevelopment or even future demolition, given its unique place in architectural and social history. Listing the building will afford a level of protection against potential drastic commercial redesign or repurpose of the area that may involve demolition.
- Yes. I think the intent and desires of the planning team and architects have been poorly understood and/or willfully misrepresented. Even allowing for any poorly realised or badly planned aspects of the building, there's still enough fabric left to create a memorable and useful space that serves residents and visitors well. My dream would be that urgent restorations/preservation of the penthouse apartments could lend itself well to a nationally/internationally significant heritage/cultural attraction of global acclaim. Similarly, a faithful reproduction of the original shop units may attract new retailers and consumers. Maybe that's too ambitious or deluded! Most important of all, I think we should value the building for the stories it can tell future generations about cultural and sociological shifts, town planning, and architecture
- Although the building has been altered, most of phase 1 survives. The structure is perfectly usable with large, airy spaces. Let it disappear now and future generations will be disappointed
- "As above in previous answers.
Also there is the fear of a soulless shed - like amalgam of units replacing what could be well restored structure which could sit as part of a hub.
I have no problem in seeing the existing tagged - on sheds demolished."
- Mostly said in my previous responses
- The building has unique heritage being offered as the way forward for all shopping centres of the future back in the 1960s
- The building and what it represented are a key part of our post war heritage and it's time such locations were recognised.



- For the reasons previously outlined. A brilliant, visionary concept which suffered from poor execution and management.
- Should be grade c to ensure that alterations or demolition is properly considered
- "It is like nowhere else, redolent of an era, telling a story of a unique Scottish new town and its people.
If it were to be listed, it would become a tourist attraction.
We should be celebrating and protecting our culture, not destroying it as though we were embarrassed by ourselves."
- "To preserve it for future generations and to prevent it from being redeveloped into a characterless cluster of blocks which will look ok initially but will age very quickly and will look like any other modern redevelopment.
Also, on an environmental level it is outrageous to knock down an existing building that could be renovated and reimagined. The environmental cost of demolition would be very high.
Lack of investment and maintenance have made Cumbernauld town centre problematic, not the building itself."
- As before. We need to keep this building and restore it to its former glory so that future generations can enjoy it and understand its place in architectural history. Listing it will give it some protection from greedy developers who make a lot of money from new builds, far more than renovating an existing building.
- "For all the above reasons.
And when a building is gone, it's gone. Drawings and photographs can never replace that.
It could be an extremely impressive building again, as it once was, and when I first saw it."
- Its needs to be protected so that it is conserved for it's historical and architectural importance. A design for redevelopment should not obliterate the town's history because some people find the building ugly or that the maintenance costs are high. With proper investment old and new can live in harmony.
- It's unique and represents the time and vision of when it was designed even though it has went through major alterations since.
- For the reasons already list in the various preceding answers.
- Keep the original town centre and get rid off the boxy shaped supermarkets. Totally ruined the original architecture.
- "It's a one off in this country. An architectural design thought up by new town planners. Think of Welliyn Garden City after the war, Moving people out of London. the idea of everyone having a garden was a completely new concept
Ok, alas , the town centre didn't work out, but if it had !!!"
- It would be a shame to lose such an iconic building. I would love for it to receive more maintenance and renovations. Particularly the maintenance, which it has lacked across its lifetime.
- "we should cherish our heritage not tear it down - are our buildings less important than the roman ruins in Rome? I would suggest not.
please stop tearing buildings down just because a building company wants the income it will derive from an unnecessary new build"
- Within specific limits that do not make it moribund or difficult to adapt.



- The whole idea of it being demolished is down to the council's failure to address its own failings. It created the Antonine Shopping Centre which in itself discriminates against the disabled in a way that the original building never did. The council then authorised the Centre owners to block the lesser access to the Antonine Shopping Centre. If anything you should be demanding the Antonine Centre and the so-called Linkbridge over Central Way (another edifice that discriminates against the disabled) are demolished forthwith.
- Only the thin centre section that housed the old penthouses years ago. Nothing else
- the original structure but not the shopping malls
- It should be knocked down
- This building should be preserved as a historical and cultural building. A perfect example of Scottish design and engineering. Something that Scotland has always been famous for.
- Difficult question. I don't think the whole centre should be listed, but part of it should to preserve the original "soul" of Cumbernauld.
- "This response is if the listing protects it from demolition.
However it is important that HES continues to recognise that we need to shift our thinking in how we repurpose all our built environment in future to take account of the climate and resource emergency. In structures such as this it is vital that there is an innovative approach."
- Same reasons stated already
- For all the reasons I've already stated. It's not Edinburgh castle but it's a classic zeitgeist example of what Scotland was like from 1950 - 1980. We can't simply erase it because it doesn't fit in with what Visit Scotland might want to show. Cumbernauld never ever gets a mention because it's not what we want tourists to see. But we can't just become Disneyland. More like 'Disnae' land if we lose these amazing 1950s and 1960s buildings.
- "part of it but not all
shows classic architecture of the period and is part of the history of the era of the New Towns, however some of the newer parts are basic, are in poor condition and some of the older parts are in disrepair and some too difficult to maintain in acceptable condition"
- Again Cumbernauld is the best clear example of modern living in the U.K. not just Scotland for New Town developments.
- I enjoy staying in Carbrain and enjoy seeing the building after being out of Cumbernauld. Don't think it is good idea for buildings to be demolished for no good reason
- The listing should be careful not to be made in such a way as to impede necessary renewal and should be restricted if possible to the 'bones' of the building to allow it to be fleshed out in a different way to meet present day and future needs.
- Without this it will continue to be misused, bastardised and neglected
- At least part of it should be saved for history. I bet some Stone Age people thought Stonehenge was a blot on the landscape.
- I think designation would allow it remain standing, and would allow it retain its place in the history of architecture and social planning within Scotland and the world. It seems incredible to me that the council can't see what it has. I would love to see the original megastructure retained and become part of the new scene there. Done thoughtfully and sympathetically, who knows, perhaps in future years other aspects of the new plan for the centre might also be listed alongside it. Designation might encourage a



resurgence of interest in the structure, and lead to a regeneration of the town centre in and of itself. The fact is that if it is handled sympathetically and cared for and invested in it is still a very usable and exciting structure. I think the demise started when the Cumbernauld development corporation was disbanded and all the expertise and knowledge and understanding of the centre was dispersed and lost. The council took it over with none of that expertise or understanding and it has been left to decline and moulder. It's a travesty! Let it be listed and protected - and re-invigorated!

- "Walk all around Cumbernauld...
Look at everything around you....
What else makes Cumbernauld be Cumbernauld....
If u knock down that town centre... Sure it may look. Prettier.... But it will be less functional, less space and most of all.....
Less like the iconic town we are known to be.....
Do not ruin our town"
- It needs to be listed, destroying it is a massive waste of material and a massive mistake, get some actual architects to retrofit it and restore it to its former glory. I don't understand people's need to have it demolished the council talks about sustainability yet seems to contradict themselves with this hell bent idea of destroying a perfectly good building
- As above, and in previous answers: this was Scotland's most prominent contribution to 1960s Modernism and planning, recognised globally.
- Most of the architectural merit of the structure has gone over the years through add ons and refurbishment. At the start some mistakes were made. However the penthouse section still has the esthetic and the iconic look that set the building apart. Of this could be kept in anyway I would say list this part and remove the bulk of the structure below
- "The building should be listed and the council encouraged to support an expansion in its use for a variety of functions.
- It's current condition has been caused by a conflict of desires by the various owners. Single ownership would also facilitate regeneration"
- "Just look at it ! It is fabulous, unique, crazy, recognised as Cumbernauld all over the UK We need these buildings to be kept. Go to Berlin and folk glory in this type of design. We need vision and not generic town centres that all look the same"
- All my past comments!! A first Unique So important in Scottish history!
- While it may not fit into many peoples idea of a beautiful building is an incredible and unique example of a megastructure in Scotland.
- As above. Significant design in relation to the New Towns across UK. World significant that should be restored and developed.
- As per the answers to previous questions
- This would ensure no further carbuncles and desecrations of the original vision, which had architectural integrity. The design and the materials should be respected and restoration is needed to allow the beauty to show, to a new audience.
- see previous
- "Although greatly modified, the concrete superstructure could be retained and modified sympathetically to the buildings original design. I argue for the retention of phase 1 of the structure and demolition of phases 2 and 4.



Phase 1 could be restored to its original design with its enclosed 'high street' with community spaces, bars, restaurants and local market traders. The upper floors could be restored to more community space and entertainment facilities with the 80's glass enclosure of the bridge removed to facilitate the original seamless walkway to the north. With phases two and four removed, the space could be transformed into gardens, a public park and community outdoor fitness facilities connected to phase one. The only thing I am unsure of what to do with is the penthouses; perhaps the 'aliens head' could become space for the storage of batteries with large scale solar energy production on its roof? The building could be an example of retaining, reusing and ensuring energy efficiency for legacy buildings.

You wouldn't remove a whole town centre in any other place. This is only being considered because it was all built post-war and the architecture is deemed as disposable. The environment begs to differ..."

- Should be a "don't know" option here
- One of a kind.
- Its varied significance as identified above
- Its historic significance as a political/cultural statement about the post-War Scottish New Towns
- Listed status would safeguard the building for future generations to show a historical view of architecture of its time.
- I think the Town Centre (at least the penthouses section) should be designated a listed building because it is historically and architecturally significant. The Town Centre is emblematic for the town, and an immediately recognisable icon. I feel the building is misunderstood and under appreciated in a way that it wouldn't be in other areas of the country, and part of that is to do with the mismanagement and neglect of the building. For decades we have been conditioned to deride this building instead of appreciating it.
- Similar to previous answers in terms of quality of design and construction. It is rare to have buildings like this left in Scotland and these should be treasured and enhanced rather than removed for generic 'modern' buildings
- It's recognised throughout the country and has been mismanaged and neglected over the years. The new addition of the Antonine centre was a poorly thought out design
- See my previous comments.
- as above
- As previously explained it has been and could still be a mainstay of our town. The architecture is one of a kind and should not be demolished. I have given Canadian architects a tour and only received positive comments except for the lack of care and repair.
- Brutalism was and is an important architectural discipline
- Of cultural and sociological interest. It's a heritage sight in line with the growth of a new town.
- We lost Birmingham Library (brutalist, and prior to that the Victorian one). We now have a beautiful new library, but the space doesn't feel like a lending library anymore. If we had kept our brutalist building we could have used it for other benefits to city users, if not a library. Once the buildings have gone, the replacements are not always better!
- It is unique.



- It is a beautiful example of brutalist architecture. When these structures were built they were meant to be cared for and why not preserve what is already there rather than build a replacement that will need replacing once again in another 60 years time.
- Too many buildings are being torn down. Cumbernauld will be unrecognisable if that continues.
- It is original architecture and could be revitalised and developed and actually have shops / restaurants / bars in it to utilise the space rather than being half empty.
- Listing will ensure that any development has regard to the unique features of the site and its historical significance.
- The main structure must stay. It is iconic. I would not want to see it replaced with a generic structure which has no historic significance to the town. If we lose the town centre, people will only speak fondly of their memories, therefore why lose it. Without the building, the town is just like any other. It must stay
- Historical importance
- "Yes, please designate the Town Centre as a listed building.
Listing this building would recognise the buildings significance and protect the building from planned demolition.
Built heritage belongs to us all and beauty isn't the same as significance. You shouldn't demolish built heritage just because it isn't pretty.
I believe the building should be retrofitted to be a sustainable and useful building for the local community again.
If the building is not listed, demolition will undoubtedly follow, which would not only be a huge waste of the building's embodied carbon but a terrible loss of built heritage for future generations."
- It is an iconic sixties development on such a large scale, showing all the 'nooks and crannies' and other interesting aspects of sixties architecture.
- Classic example of stunning brutalist architecture that marks a specific time in history if it is demolished we lose that history & social & cultural heritage
- It's as much a part of our climate story as anything else - I am aghast that in 2022 we are even contemplating the wholesale destruction of a concrete megastructure rather than the retention, retrofit and refurbishment of as much of the structure as possible.
- It would give a level of protection and guidance for development otherwise not available to the centre.
- Just for its uniqueness in the history of new towns in the UK and especially Scotland.
- To lose such a prestigious and recognised building to demolition is a disgrace. This should never be allowed to happen.
- See answer to 7. This is despite the unsympathetic additions subsequently made to the centre.
- The building is part of our local heritage and of interest to certain groups.
- "100% yes. I understand that there's an incredible amount of work to do and it would need remodelled and approached using a team of experts who understand Brutalist architecture and are prepared to listen to the residents regarding what they need, want and expect.
A building of this kind could be listed due to its rarity and architectural interest and as a brutalist design it's one of the more unusual. Why should Cumbernauld destroy



something from one of the most controversial design movements of the last century? It could be restored, evolved and celebrated as an example of turning a neglected building into the work of design art that it is.

There are brutalist buildings situated all over the world that people make a point of visiting to view in person. Why couldn't the centre be a place of design celebration instead of the negative talking point it's regularly portrayed as?"

- Cumbernauld Town Centre should be designated as a listed building so that we do not lose this unique vision of Scottish social life and this unique example of the power of architecture to think big issues and to effect change. It would be good if the conditions of listing could be set out in such a way that it would encourage reuse of the existing fabric and additions to it along lines sympathetic to the original proposal, so that it can become a fully functional settlement.
- The creation of post WWII "new towns" was a hugely significant global moment of ambition across diverse geographical territories and political ideologies. This is one of the most advanced and innovative, which has been recognised internationally for decades, and has an enormous resurgence of interest right now, in an age where alternative planning of built-environment must be foregrounded. It would be a travesty to destroy it.
- It's like any good listing, it divides opinion it's a talking point good or bad
- It was unique at the time it was built, and over time various sections have been demolished leaving not much of the original building.
- This building should be celebrated and not replaced with poor relative. In today's way of living e.g. fast food, fast fashion and throw away culture, it would be a to destroy this building as it definitely shows brutalist architecture at its best and reminds people of their past, coming to a "new town" for a new exciting life.
- See previous.
- Yes, a Grade II* for its Architectural features.
- It was integral to the growth of Cumbernauld and contains many memories for people. For example, the clock face.
- Refer to answer 7. comments.
- Some parts, yes.... Others no
- "The town will regret losing such an important architectural asset. Preston bus station is a similar example of the council requesting demolition but they now rejoice in the architectural importance of the building and the contribution it has made to the revitalisation of the city"
- I think it should be preserved and maintained and that it's worthy of that
- "Of course you should list Cumbernauld Town Centre. Its international importance is well-recognised and well-published. I know you know this.

But I know too that you find yourselves with the legacy from the mid-1990s of inexperienced listing decisions concerning postwar architecture, when DOCOMOMO both proposed and justified CTC as a top priority for listing. It was ignored then, and continued to be ignored for a quarter century, resulting in the present awkward situation.

The case for listing under the criteria within the Act remains unarguable.

As to the counter-argument that CTC 'has been altered' – please consider that against the fragments of Dunfermline's royal palace, for example, or many another nationally-important scheduled but fragmentary building.



Second: Your position of not listing where a planning application or process exists is logical and defensible as a general policy. But that policy has been treated as an absolute rule, and used therefore where it should not have been.

My concern is that here we risk the heritage again becoming a casualty of that same misguidedness. While your policy is self-imposed. Not drawn from the Act. You can dis-apply it where you consider other factors to be stronger. (Though I believe you recognise this more clearly now, and the fact of this consultation indicates a welcome new open-mindedness on the issue.)

Third: I agree the principle that listing should respond to public and local opinion. 'Local interest', for example, is likely to be best understood by local people rather more, or sooner, than by someone at an Edinburgh desk. And of course the reverse applies too. This is where HES comes in, because HES is paid to have, to provide, and to apply, expertise in the historic built environment.

By asking people 'whether they think this building is of special historic or architectural interest', this present public consultation would seem to dislodge HES from the role of specialist in architectural history; or perhaps to imply that specific expertise is unnecessary for listing. When the opposite is obviously the case. I hope you have thought it all through."

- Yes, but Very much in the megastructure' spirit- One of ongoing adaptatio. only with a view that it can be adapted pragmatically, perhaps listing the main engineered elements, staircase or original street dimensions, particular floor materials or street furniture- ie- structural spirit and design code 'palette'. Listing as having more focus on prompts, criteria for moving forward rather than freezing in time and treating as an art object
- The Town Centre should be protected from demolition and given a chance of renewal to prove that this kind of building can evolve and be adapted to contemporary needs if properly maintained and managed. It has been the Town Centre to the local community, for good and for bad, for over 60 years and this is something that can't be replaced with wholesale rebuilding without tremendous social damage. The past cannot just be wiped away.
- It merits that as a prime example of Scottish buildings from 50 years ago.
- "This is a visionary, unique, and award-winning building. Its cultural significance should be a material consideration in any forthcoming development proposals. North Lanarkshire Council's intention for complete demolition demonstrates that is not currently the case.

I believe that only the remaining parts of Phase 1, and possibly Phase 2, of the Town Centre merit listing. I believe Cumbernauld's town centre as a whole would be stronger if elements of these were retained, particularly Phase 1, as part of a redeveloped town centre."

- It meets the criteria for listing.
- Unique in Europe if not the world.
- I am not sure
- I'm not sure. The town centre in its entirety certainly should NOT be designated as such. However, a small part of it being so designated would surely allow Cumbernauld to retain a link to its important architectural beginnings.
- Eyesore
- Not Answered



- I am unclear if Listing is the best solution. What is important is that the megastructure is retained in a recognisable form and its embodied carbon is retained. With a new and sustainable project proposal it can be a key part of a future Cumbernauld - iconic of a new 21st Century community where we retain and re-purpose our 'carbundles' and rehabilitate them; we use our assets and build upon their legacy. All of our Town Centres are challenged and all need to serve their communities and establish an identity that makes them robust and resilient in commercial and community terms. It is vital that Town Centres are developed to ensure people want to use and visit them and that adjacent towns are complimentary in their 'offer' and nature. The present sketch proposals for the town centre look as if they 'could be anywhere'. The megastructure is unique and represents a real opportunity to 'signal' a new truly carbon conscious town centre.
- It doesn't serve a purpose
- This building is an eyesore and needing replaced , it's has leaking roofs , lifts not working , not been maintained , its redevelopment is long over due
- "Definitely not.
The town centre needs to be knocked down and rebuilt. It's a complete eye sore to our town and an embarrassment"
- It's crumbling and has been since the 80s. It will cost too much money to keep patching it up.
- 100% no. Should have been demolished decades ago. It is a millstone around the neck of the town. Flatten it and move on
- Completely ridiculous idea.
- Its ugly
- "As mentioned previously, the building is now an eyesore,
Nobody needs to see this and we deserve better"
- Listed buildings are things of beauty. Buildings to be kept in good condition and cared for. Nothing about this building is beautiful, it has not been cared for in many years and is clearly not in a good condition.
- It should be knocked down to allow for something to make better use of the space for the inhabitants that utilise it
- Total eyesore should be completely demolished
- It is ugly, it holds Cumbernauld back and provably negatively affects investment
- To list the building would serve no purpose. It is not nice to look at, it doesn't function as it's main job of being a town centre - it's disjointed in layout, run down and in disrepair.
- Absolutely not, it will prevent the development and improvement of the area and prevent Cumbernauld better serving the needs of the community. A new centre would attract new retailers, creating more jobs.
- For all of the reasons given previously.
- It's a curiosity and a joke, that's not enough to warrant listing it
- It's falling apart it would need a total refit, money wasted
- Absolutely not its an eyesore.
- I think this would be a huge disservice to Cumbernauld, a growing town that is in desperate need of a town centre with facilities that serve the whole community.
- Listed Buildings should be of public importance. The public have been resoundingly clear that they do not want this building to be listed. If you decide that the opinion of those



who do not live in the area and have no use for the building other than to study it is more important than those that live around it, there will be massive public unrest.

- It's really ugly and dated it ruins the whole town centre as much as it is a historical piece it needs to be demolished if we the people of Cumbernauld actually feel proud of our town centre
- It needs rebuilding and the people deserve somewhere more worthwhile to go to
- No as it's an eyesore and would cost more to maintain than to demolish
- Definitely NOT!!! The place is an eyesore! Cumbernauld never seems to get anything that is proposed to them! It's about time it gets a revamp as we're in the 2022 era now not living in the 60s and 70s to accommodate the peoples needs that are living there now!
- This is a modern post war building which no one has any love for. My parents were here when it was erected and believe it to be the ugly monstrosity that it is. It doesn't educate about a previous time, it's doesn't have a part in the future. It absolutely must go. The owners have allowed it to degenerate further and it's simply an awful place to visit.
- We need modern facilities in our growing town.
- The building is an ugly, crumbling mess and ruins the image of the town
- I believe this would hamper a regeneration of the town centre to the point where much of it will close down and decay further than it already is. It is not an attractive place for quality retail businesses to invest in. It is expensive to lease units because the owners have to maintain the legacy building.
- It needs to be replaced with something that is fit for purpose
- The building is not fulfilling its potential, it is not meeting the needs of the local people, and does not hold any significant historical value. Keeping this building would be a waste of valuable space in the community. It may be well known, but for all the wrong reasons. It failed in its design and to be associated with such an eyesore is an embarrassment to the community.
- "It would utterly laughable if the building was granted listed building status. The people who wish to retain the building do not live here. They would be appalled if they were subjected to having a local town centre like the one we have in Cumbernauld. Granting listed building status will stop Cumbernauld from improving as a town and will continue to harm the town economically. Cumbernauld is a large town and has the potential to have a thriving town centre like other new towns such as Livingston. Sadly, this is not possible with the current town centre building. Granting listed building status will hold the town back for decades to come."
- It's not fit for purpose. Listing it means that residents will be stuck with a building that is terrible to navigate, isn't accessible for prams and wheelchairs and is poorly insulated.
- "We'll never get rid of the dilapidated, unused and unloved eyesore if it is.
- Only the council seem to think it is, do they even use it?"
- "The building is not fit for purpose. It's like a maze and a muggers paradise. On a wet day you need an umbrella to go inside it. It's also preventing the whole centre being pulled down and replaced with a centre and shops that the residents of Cumbernauld deserve. As the largest town in north Lanarkshire we have the worst facilities."



- See above
- I think it should be demolished to create a better structure and create more jobs for residents and help the economy
- It's ugly time to demolish.
- It should be blown up
- "The building is now beyond repair following years or little to no investment. There is no logical usage for the space as it is and future maintenance costs will be astronomical.
Huge areas of the building lie unused, including most of the 4th floor, and the massive third floor only housing the library.
It's a symbol of a failed vision of the future, and Cumbernauld should be allowed to move on by demolishing the building and having a real town centre, with shopping, entertainment and facilities."
- My opinion is it should be raised to the ground and something useful to the local community put in its place.
- It's a disgusting eye sore I have to look at every day, it smells, it leaks, it's a shambles, it serves no purpose and I strongly recommend it is bulldozed
- It's an eyesore and is preventing Cumbernauld from moving into the 21st century. It has absolutely no relevance to the town and is quite honestly it's an embarrassment for the people of the town
- As said before
- Cumbernauld needs an updated centre that will serve the ever growing population.
- Absolutely no way. It should be raised to the ground and rebuilt. Cumbernauld people have rubbish facilities compared to neighbouring large towns. Very unfair.
- Even though it was revolutionary at the time it was built it is totally out of date. The materials used were nothing special & full of concrete. The building shouldn't be listed as it is an eyesore & certainly not something to be proud of. By listing it, it is a massive hindrance to anything else being done on the site & town centres/high streets are dying off. Would definitely stop progress & meeting the needs of the town.
- "Absolutely not.
A listed building to me is places like Kelvingrove Museum, Summerlee.... Places which have significant interest. Not an old dated shopping centre contained within an old, dated structure which I will not miss if it does get demolished."
- It is not fit for purpose. I understand the architectural concept but that alone is not a reason to make it a heritage or listed building.
- The whole thing needs to be torn down, it's not for purpose, asking people to pay rent to lease shops on the old part is a total joke
- It is falling down and an eyesore, get rid of it.
- Definitely not. See comments above.
- An unloved eyesore which is no longer fit for purpose.
- It's a hazard and falling apart. It needs to be replaced
- I feel it should be demolished.
- Should be demolished and a new modern town centre should be built for the long standing residents of Cumbernauld that have had to put up with this excuse of a town centre for too long



- "It would serve no beneficial use to residents . It is an embarrassing point in Cumbernauld- it and surrounding grounds are unkempt and in disarray. It is not pleasant to use or look at- what would we be saving."
- As said in previous answers. The town centre is an eyesore and the laughing stock of Scotland. Just look at the amount of times it has been named as the ugliest place in Scotland
- It is not fit for purpose. It dominates the centre of the town and restricts meaningful improvement. It is unsafe and inconvenient.
- Absolutely not, this is an abomination of architecture and truly believe it is no longer fit for purpose.
- As stated in previous boxes, this building is an absolute disgrace. Shame on the person requesting the listed status, shame on the owners for not ever making this building better.
- It's ugly and an eyesore against the hills. It's a maze inside and not a welcoming building to be in aside from the poor maintenance (leaking robes etc). Any new businesses understandably locate in the Antonine Centre.
- That would be an absolute disgrace to other listed buildings.
- Not at all, the centre is an eyesore riddled with dampness and mould. The centre is known as one of the worst in Britain. Most people saying this should be a listed building do not live in the town or have ever been in the centre to know how bad it is first hand.
- If this building was listed then it would be disgusting
- "See my previous comments
- The building is unviable, it no longer serves the purpose it was constructed for.
- The top floor of the building has remained unused for decades.
- The materials used to construct it have passed their life expectancy
- No-one can cover the maintenance costs, the maintenance is a waste of money that can & should be spent elsewhere"
- Why would you
- It has passed its sell by date & not worth saving.
- This building adds nothing to the history, beauty or functionality of Cumbernauld.
- Because Cumbernauld deserves a modern, new centre which is fit for purpose.
- It is a depressing looking building and does nothing for Cumbernauld's reputation
- It is a horrendous piece of architectural rubbish which is neither fit for purpose or of any use to anyone. It needs ripped down and replaced with something fit for purpose of use to the people of Cumbernauld.
- This place is no Taj Mahal.
- The town centre should be made functional for all the residents and if it's given listed status it will be kept in its current state and lip service will be paid to it's up keep - it needs bulldozed and redeveloped
- Absolutely not. Modern buildings needed to bring shoppers from other towns. This building is absolutely shocking.
- "2 reasons:
It is not of a decent architectural or historical standard to merit it
It's use is the most important thing about it and redevelopment would increase this substantially"



- Absolutely not. It is not a historic building it is not used for historic purposes it is a town centre that is badly in need of being knocked down and something replacing it. There are few business that stay in the building now due to rent & the low clientele still visiting it, it serves no purpose historically or now at all.
- In no way shape or form should it be listed. It is of no relevance and no importance and it is preposterous that this is even being considered
- It's depressing. Anyone who says otherwise is someone who hasn't lived here for a long time. The contrast being the Centre and The Antonine Centre is overwhelming. The Antonine is bright and warm and The Town Centre is dark, cold and depressing. It's not an attractive building to look at or be in. Most of the stores have closed down or are empty lots. It isn't historical, it isn't the original design, it isn't the best centre and it's a terrible shopping experience. There's listed buildings in Cumbernauld already, there's history and culture, the Town Centre isn't needed. As a building it also isn't functional. It's cold and dark, the roof leaks and the floors slippery. It's been allowed to completely run down. It needs to be redone.
- "The people of Cumbernauld deserve to have a modern, safe town center full of amenities that will keep people in the town rather than having to go further afield. The building has been left to rot inside and out."
- No. It feels like an attempt to stop progression at the expense of the actual residents of Cumbernauld. The building does not require listed status. Cumbernauld requires redevelopment and modernisation. The town is not a nice place to live, and the town centre contributes majorly to this. It is time to put the people first.
- Time to move on and into the modern error, I need to look at this place as some kind of shrine to the past, we need to move on and give the people something to be proud of.
- It's ugly and out dated.
- "Eyesore
Dreadful building"
- I have considered this a lot, because I do see some merits, but this needs to be balanced with the needs of the local community. It isn't wanted.
- It's not fit for purpose anymore. There's leaks and all sorts of issues with the actual building and it's facilities. The retail spaces are filled with charity shops and are too expensive for people to use in the long run. We need a retail and leisure space that is more appealing and will serve the people of Cumbernauld
- I think if the town centre were to be regarded as a listed building it would limit the opportunities for Cumbernauld as a town and for the residents of the town. With a newly built hub there is an abundance of potential for Cumbernauld to shift some of its unfavourable associations although this would be hindered greatly if the town centre was to remain as is.
- I think it's much more important than residents of Cumbernauld have a fit for purpose town centre which enhances people's lives and allows for civic and cultural engagement. Listing this building will be a huge impediment to modernising Cumbernauld town centre and will be unfair to residents.
- Not used for anything.
- "The town centre is no longer fit for purpose for the local residents. The building has not been maintained, is in poor condition with a poor retail offering. The town centre needs redeveloping to provide a space that is usable, safe and a pleasure to use."



I live in Cumbernauld but I don't shop here. The town centre is too depressing and I'd rather drive to the Glasgow Fort or into Glasgow for my retail experience.

For Cumbernauld to thrive as a town it needs a town centre that will draw investment from the Council and Scottish Government and be a place that shoppers wish to visit in order for the town centre to survive and thrive. It does not meet these requirements at the moment and listing the building, or parts thereof, will inhibit the investment and development needed."

- It should be torn down so that the people of Cumbernauld get something they deserve
- Designation would prevent improvement in a modern environment. It would result in yet more "add-ons" and make traversing the centre even more complicated than it already is. Accessing different areas with a wheelchair or pushchair is already fraught with difficulty
- It is disjointed, poorly maintained and not fit for purpose. It is unwelcoming to residents, visitors and investors which inhibits the town's growth and well-being of residents and pride in where they live,
- "As a, now, disabled female who uses crutches to get around this building no longer complied with the BASICS of accessibility.

As a mother, it does not offer a safe place for my children to meet their friends.

As a consumer the building does not allow for the requirement of larger, modern retail premises.

As a long standing resident of the town, the building no longer gives us what we want or need. It actually removes the opportunity for our town to be seen as a 'nice place' to live. We no longer deserve the stigma of the Carbuncle Concrete disaster, we deserve a new, safe, accessible place for the generations to come to thrive and access what they need, no matter the obstacles they have in life."

- It's unsightly and the area could have much better uses.
- "It wasn't completed as the architect wished, some of the building materials were substandard. It wasn't maintained properly by multiple owners. It's a massive shame that it wasn't completed, and downright criminal of the owners to neglect it to such an extent.

I appreciate the building for what it could have been and I will miss it if it's demolished, but as a resident of Cumbernauld, the people who live here deserve a Town Centre that doesn't attract national criticism."

- Previously stated in previous comments, it is also badly designed, has a poverty look about it and not a nice environment to be in
- Not a nice looking building.
- It looks terrible, not fit for purpose, in poor state. Very complicated layout. Leaking roofs. Old fashioned. Looks awful from the outside.
- It's falling apart in all areas, not suitable for its intended purpose, has been repaired far too many times, no longer a viable building. We live in a large community and the building does nothing to enhance the community
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve a town centre for the future. The buildings may have been relevant at the time but are no longer fit for purpose. Holding on to buildings which are no longer relevant is unfair to the community.
- The whole place needs flattened & redesigned & developed in line with today's needs. A brighter welcoming space that attracts decent shops to the area & in turn more footfall.



This will help regenerate Cumbernauld. It's a sorry state just now & I feel this is a poor attempt to get out of needing to address this.

- It would serve no purpose listing the conglomerate of structures - they will fall into disrepair and have to be demolished anyway due to the danger to the public
- Absolutely not. Buildings of history should only be listed
- It needs to be demolished to make space for redevelopment
- "It's holding Cumbernauld back.
The opportunity for a new development should not be missed."
- "Why keep a monument to mistakes?
Make way for another mistake, then at least future generations will have something to argue about...."
- It needs torn down and rebuilt. Giving the residents more/better shops, restaurants and jobs. To say that the town centre should be a listed building and kept as is, is a complete insult to the people of Cumbernauld who want nothing more than a better shopping centre.
- Listed buildings have character and history, this has nether
- It would cost too much for the upkeep. The building is not fit for purpose and wouldn't be able to be used for retail for much longer. There is no flow to the buildings and feels very disjointed.
- There is no need for this and it is of no benefit to Cumbernauld to be a listed building.
- It may once have been innovative but no longer meets the needs of customers
- Various attempts over the years have been made to improve the appearance and function of the building, and everything has made it worse. The whole structure needs to be demolished, which I believe would be prevented from happening if it was designated as a listed building
- "We need a modern new centre fit for the modern world. When it was 1st built, it was the first of it's kind in Europe. Built for a forward thinking new town.
We need a fresh start."
- "The people that want this building listed are older than the building itself.
They don't want change. But even if they did want change they wouldn't be around to see it after all the hold up."
- It is an eyesore, falling to bits, dreary inside, leaking. Residents deserve better
- We need a functional town centre that people aren't frightened to visit. Isn't falling apart. It was never finished and areas have been unused for over 20 years
- The building is a disgusting eyesore, a health and safety hazard due to the state of disrepair, an insult to the residents of Cumbernauld and a massive contributor to the town's poor reputation.
- Because it's a sad reflection of architecture.
- "It is too difficult to navigate around the centre and my 4 and 10 year old were scared when trying to find the way into Cumbernauld library. It was desolate, poorly signed, poorly lit and they didn't not feel safe and neither did I. They both now refuse to go near that part of the centre.
There is nothing distinct, pleasant or different about this town centre to warrant listed building status. It's useless and an eyesore for Cumbernauld."
- It's not fit for purpose and Cumbernauld should not pay any more money into shoddy repairs that would not benefit the community.



- I desperately hope the demolition of Cumbernauld Town Centre will allow the town to move forward and build a new, accessible town centre that its residents can genuinely be proud of. Listing the town centre would consign us to suffering with this inappropriate facility for years to come. Please don't list the town centre.
- It is a complete eyesore
- Absolutely not let Cumbernauld be modernised
- Not worth keeping this building, it is too far gone and not up to modern sustainable standards. Very cold place to work. Leaking in many places. A new design town centre will bring Cumbernauld back on the modern map rather than living in the past.
- As stated before, it would be an assault to the people of Cumbernauld who have been crying out for some proper facilities for long enough, to keep this eyesore, poor excuse of a town centre. The building is long past being for for purpose. Horrifically our dated, most lifts don't work, the new Gym has blocked off the second passageway over central way, making it even less accessible to get from one side of the building to the other. It's hay day has been and gone, even after being built it had to get a roof added and bits bolted on to make it work.
- I understand why it might be but it's standing in the way of having a town centre that works and looks good
- The current town centre is an eyesore and an embarrassment to the people of Cumbernauld. It taints its reputation and detracts from the good things going on in Cumbernauld.
- It's an eyesore, should have been pulled down years ago.
- Get the bulldozers in.
- Because it is such an eyesore difficult to navigate not fit for purpose constant leaking roofs etc
- It's not safe. It's has no purpose. It's not attractive to look at. It will only get worse over time.
- "For all the reasons stated:
It would offer no value to those living in the area and would fundamentally remove interest in investment in the centre with regards to shopping. This has wider social and economic implications for Cumbernauld residents.
It is a rather elitist notion that the building should be listed because it once held such a highly regarded status as unique in architectural design. While that was the case, it is no longer fit for purpose and blue prints, photos, videos, models could be constructed without affecting the people of Cumbernauld."
- It is an eyesore and should be demolished
- It has been changed too much already, does not provide any value to the community as a working structure and is unlikely to create any value to the community as a purely aesthetic tourist attraction.
- It absolutely should not be a listed building. It does not work as a building and the cost to the public purse to bring it up to standard in terms of DDA, fire compliance modern planning in terms of town planning and then to comply with listed building requirements would be far too much money. It would be cheaper and more economical to tear down and start again. The design over the road where the bus ranks are allows in my opinion anti social behaviour. To make it a listed building would have a detrimental impact on the community and how the town is viewed. Cumbernauld is looked over constantly in



terms of planning and new ventures, it is time the town and the people is given the opportunity to change the town for the better, be given a community space that works and being a listed building would not allow this.

- We need new facilities to suit the needs of the community and too many attempts have been made to make the current buildings work ...with no success!
- It has nothing architecturally or aesthetically pleasing about it. It's got to go.
- It's falling a part and if you can't save a building that was built in the 1850's in the village again because it was let]ft by the council to fall apart then there's no way a building built in the 60's should be given listed building status.
- Although the design is unique, it's layout is awful. The service entrances are public facing which makes it look so untidy. Inside the layout is like a convoluted maze that is hard to find your way around and doesn't feel safe or welcoming. The narrow passageways between shops are claustrophobic and outdated.
- As I said before, it's likely to fall down if not torn down. It's an eyesore and is of no benefit to the people of Cumbernauld or Scotland.
- Absolutely not, the thing is an eyesore and not fit for purpose. I can't think of any reason why this should be kept, most of the decent shops have abandoned the town centre and the local retail parks see a lot more footfall as they provide a much better experience
- It needs knocked down and the area redeveloped to provide decent local amenities
- Absolutely not!!!! We need a town centre to be proud of and where actual shops we want would like to come!
- Because it is an eyesore. I consider a listed building to be one of beauty and wonder which was built hundreds of years ago by craftsmen and not one built in today's world where machinery has been used in its construct . I wouldn't stand and admire it and think wow it's isn't incredible how people managed to build this with their bare hands and one which would take specialist crafts to re build in the event it was damaged by fire or other catastrophic event.
- Prevents modernisation and investment in the town.
- The majority of Cumbernauld residents that I have spoken to about this and myself are not proud of the town centre and it is not of historical interest to any of us!
- The building is little used, an eyesore, I'd imagine expensive to upkeep if it were continued to be used. The needs of the people of Cumbernauld are not serviced by these buildings.
- It is not fit for purpose the shops are terrible. there is buckets everywhere to catch leaks. The smell in certain parts is terrible. There is no heating in the building when you go into shops they are cold.
- It is of no importance to most of the people in the town.
- Because it needs modernisation & bringing upto date. I imagine it's full of asbestos aswell.
- I have never understood why this mess was allowed to be built. Locals are embarrassed by it and visitors ridicule it. It needs to go.
- Absolutely not. It is an eyesore, poorly maintained and badly needs replaced.
- Backwards thinking and totally killing off any chance of the town being upgraded to a modern town for the future. I'm sure that's what was thought in the 60's when it was built, but hindsight is wonderful and should not constrict our hopes for the future



- It would be a travesty and would prevent the development of the Town as required for the 21st It thoroughly deserved it's pluck on a plinth
- It is dangerous, isolating, not a nice experience being in it or looking at it. I strongly object that it is given listed status
- The building is a horrific eye sore that should have been long gone. It was a failed design at the time. That shouldn't be celebrated. The amount of beautiful buildings that have been left to rack and ruin and this is being considered for listed status baffles me.
- Please do not do that. Cumbernauld need this structure to be pulled and replaced and bring Cumbernauld (the new town) into the 21st Century. Give the locals a reason to stay in Cumbernauld and other a reason to visit. We got given the name "scumbernauld" because of this building. Let's change that. Let's showcase Cumbernauld is all it's beauty. Starting with getting rid of the town center. It's an eye sore honestly.
- as above
- As explained, it's an eyesore, dilapidated and unfit for the purpose which it was built.
- "It looks like a mistake from the 60's and should be knocked down to rebuild a town centre that is functional in today's society.
If it is listed, it will remain forever"
- "named as one of the worst buildings in this day and age
the roof has leaking the the tc for years. unless you want your eyes tested love of pund land or need a barber then avoid.
we need more companies to come in and not have to pay the astronomical rent prices they have been charging and get this town better.
I actually hate going up there as I am embarrassed to be seen in it."
- It is hideous, even Prince Charles has said so.
- Stark and uninspiring
- I definitely don't think it should be designated as a listed building. It's now time for North Lanarkshire Council to redevelop the town centre and rejuvenate the area. We have a large population living in Cumbernauld and it would be amazing to have the facilities and town centre to meet the needs.
- It's important that the residents get a new facility that serves the needs of the town from a social and economic purpose. The current building is an eyesore and not fit for purpose and is long overdue to be demolished
- "The building and structure is outdated, dilapidated & quite frankly an eyesore, having been a resident of Cumbernauld for over 50 years the centre is in dire need of updating. Cumbernauld suffers badly due to a lack of amenities & the new proposed plans can bring those much need amenities to fruition."
- It's ugly, the apartments are abandoned and the fact it is listed means that there is no way to improve the reason for people hosting the centre as is it 'bitty' half old half new all run down all leaky and EMPTY, if the listing wasn't there the massive eye sore could be demolished and a new fresh inviting space can be built for a proper retail park like every other town has
- If it was was listed it would mean retaining it. While I can understand a level of architectural interest in it, most people aren't architects and want a functional town centre that isn't an eyesore and its equipped for the modern era. Compare the town centre to other new town centres, Livingston and East Kilbride spring to mind.



Cumbernauld has fallen years behind those in investment, quality of shops and therefore footfall. Its long past time to knock it down and start again. Including the Antonine Centre.

- This building has been an embarrassment for the people of Cumbernauld for at least twenty years. The building is an absolute eyesore. The town needs a town centre it can be proud of.
- "As stated previously, there is no reason for this to be a listed building. The community needs shops, entertainment, stuff for families and people to do at the weekends.
At the moment it's run down, smells, lacks shops, stuck in the past. Half of the building is not in use, it's an eye sore, it's vandalised and brings no value to cumbernauld. As stated before listing this building would be an embarrassment to the town."
- Building is ugly (local embarrassment) and should not in any way be a blocker to complete redevelopment of the town centre.
- The Cumbernauld town centre is a mess, a hideous building that is not fit for purpose. The people of Cumbernauld deserve a civic space which is modern and which has adequate community facilities and space for businesses and events. The Cumbernauld town centre may have had some architectural importance at the time when it was built, but more important than this in ensuring the town is pleasant and functional for the local community. I don't believe the town centre should be protected at the expense of the local people who I think would mostly agree that the building is long past its use by date.
- This would mean this eyesore being kept despite most of it being unused and unusable. This building won awards for being amongst the worst places in the. United Kingdom...how can we possibly think of it as anything other than a massive misguided mistake from conception to what it has become over the decades.
- it's a mess. roof leaks with buckets everywhere
- Replacing the centre with a new building better suited to the current needs of the town would be a better use of time, money and resources. The structure is outdated and no longer fit for purpose.
- "As above
Cumbernauld Town Centre is a dated concept that may, or may not, have worked at the time of Construction. However, it has quickly become dated and is now very very quiet. It's an uninviting area, under used and as such is having a negative impact on any regeneration plans for the area.
Most residents I know feel unsafe and avoid where possible.
Cumbernauld had expanded over recent the more recent years particularly with the significant developments to the North of the M80. However, the town centre offer has not serviced this boom. The architecture and structural layout of the Town Centre plays its role in this demise."
- The town centre is an eyesore. It is falling to bits inside with buckets everywhere to collect drips when it rains. Shops smell like damp. There are very few good retailers in the centre & given the state of the place, it is clear to see why more are not willing to come.
- It's of no interest to myself.
- It's a monstrosity, too many different levels, whole parts have already either had to be torn down or have been totally removed due to lack of need or use.



- The town centre needs to be demolished as it needs way too much work to keep it as a viable building. Having been neglected for many years if it were to gain a listed status I believe that it would fall further into disrepair, eventually becoming too dangerous to be of any use.
- It is an eyesore and there are plenty of models and photos of it for students and enthusiasts to enjoy, without it needing to be physically present.
- As previously stated.
- "Definitely not
Cannot think of one reason why
As a resident of Cumbernauld it is a blight on the landscape and commonly that is required for upkeep could be invested in starting again on a town centre , fully accessible to all , that folk could be proud of"
- It brings the area down nationally. I think it embarrassing to the town and it is time to move on and move the town on with the times like it was built many years ago to be to suit that time.
- Absolutely not! Please do not leave this eye sore for our children to look at for the rest of their lives! Surely they deserve something Modern and fit for purpose!
- "NEVER!
I guarantee you that the person who wants it listed doesn't even live here!"
- It's old looking , & isn't the most appealing Center that people would want to go to, I only go there as it's local to me and has everything I need inside
- See above comments
- See above. All it shows is an architectural maze that should never have been built.
- I don't have words to describe how ugly and badly designed it is. It is disgusting to the naked eye.
- Why anyone wants to consider thos monstrosity, fit for listing, is beyond me, its an eyesore
- Definitely not. It should be on a list for sure. Perhaps with Central Demolition.
- To preserve it against the express wishes of residents would reincarnate the Weary-Willie imposition for which the Development Corporation were notorious. This is, essentially, Soviet style architecture, and should go the same way
- As detailed in previous comments.
- Is it maybe too late to list it? Had it been listed before it was altered, would it have more architectural merit?
- Unsightly, not fit for purpose, unusable areas, in need of upgrade
- All very well for people who don't use it wanting it listed but it's a depressing place for people who use it regularly. Anyone who depends on it, who have no other shopping choices for whatever reason, needs somewhere nice to shop and socialise.
- This would hold back badly needed development of Cumbernauld and as a local resident I have no pride in the current building and think it marks Cumbernauld as an outdated, impoverished and provincial town
- Absolutely not. This building has stopped any improvements for the people of Cumbernauld.
- "The building is not fit for purpose and the people of Cumbernauld deserve better. The building may have been exciting when it was first built, but it has not been looked after and is an a sorry state.



I could understand an argument for keeping the building if it was in any way attractive or used building methods that have been lost to us today, however that is not the case. It is simply a large ugly concrete block with an unused, inaccessible concrete column sticking out the side - this could easily be replicated in any other town, but obviously other town planners have had better sense.

The building is leaking, inhabited by pigeons, dimly lit (occasionally unlit), difficult to navigate, and many parts feel creepy and unsafe. Much of the building is unused or inaccessible, e.g. all or parts of the top 2 floors. It is pointless keeping it as some sort of monument to mistakes of past architects.

The people of Cumbernauld deserve a town centre that they can be proud of, or at the very least not ashamed of, and this is not it."

- It has no modern architectural significance or reasonable economic use. It's a blight on the landscape of the town and holding the town back.
- I don't believe it is of significant architectural or historical significance to warrant such a designation.
- See previous answers. Listing this building would mean the people of Cumbernauld will be stuck with it for decades to come and no opportunity to create a modern community space that Cumbernauld deserves.
- Knock it down and let a new Scottish architect design a new modern happy place to be.
- Already Answered this
- There are many examples of brutalism Architecture unfortunately at the time this was a great example but now it's just sorry sad and falling apart
- It does not deserve in the state it has fallen into to be a listed building. No organisation as I said before would have the money and commitment to bring it up to standard. It would just deteriorate even further than it has just now. It needs huge investment which I don't think anybody would commit to sadly.
- The town centre and the building in this discussion is an eyesore. Cumbernauld is a "New Town" and as such doesn't hold many historic values. The building itself has only ever been used for office space and retail and therefore the argument that it should be listed is laughable.
- Have been twice and was disappointed that there was no real town centre we could walk around with some local shops, just an outdated shopping center with international brands.
- Absolutely not. The people of Cumbernauld deserve to have a town centre to be proud of
- Absolutely not. It is the worst part of Cumbernauld. It's not fit for purpose and the people of Cumbernauld deserve a user friendly heart to our town.
- No it's not if a historical significance enough or a beautiful looking building that should be preserved & listed. It really should be demolished
- It should be torn down in order for Cumbernauld to regenerate and rebuild. It would be nice to be proud of where you come from and not ashamed! This can't happen until that building comes down.
- It needs knocking down and replaced by a more suitable centre for the future
- If the building was being used to its full potential it would sway my decision but a lot of it is empty. Old and just a plain eyesore! If we want to keep up with how everchanging our world is these days the town centre needs to do this too! Demolish and rebuild!!



- The building is no longer fit for use and future generations would be disserved by not taking the opportunity to give the town a fresh start in a new age.
- For the town to progress and become a more sought after place to stay, we need a modern town centre with amenities that serve the people who stay here as opposed to being stuck in the past.
- It is unsafe, not fit for purpose and is a universal laughing stock of a building likened only to the Starship Enterprise in a derogatory sense.
- It does no favours to the reputation of the town as an ugly place - the town is not and never was. It doesn't reflect the needs of the current population in terms of shopping or in social and leisure terms. It is a bewildering maze to many and not a pleasant place at night given that the designers paid no heed to individual safety. Maintenance has always been an issue due to design and construction methods. It needs to be removed to allow more appropriate development for a town of Cumbernauld's population both in size and diversity.
- Absolutely not. Listing will Only stand in the way of modernising facilities for our community
- Definitely not! Dampness, unfit for purpose, eyesore doesn't accommodate families in this time era or the facilities the locals need.
- This is a truly ridiculous suggestion which I genuinely assumed was a joke when first made aware of the proposal. Opposing the long-overdue razing and redevelopment of the town centre will continue to have devastating long-term implications for Cumbernauld, and those in favour of the listing proposal are simply being blinded from patently obvious common sense by ill-founded nostalgia.
- It's more important that people have a town centre they want to use. I hate going there. Businesses would thrive as more people would want to go if the building was different. Also better for the local economy.
- Although it once won awards and may have been a great asset to the community at the time it has now become a bit of an eye sore with various renovations/upgrades it is rather disjointed with large empty areas and is not a place that would serve future generations!
- "The building has created a negative impression of Cumbernauld for decades and is not fit for purpose .
It deters families from spending time there and various games are played by the recent developer about potential regeneration ."
- This really is a joke question.
- The area needs regenerated to build the community of Cumbernauld. Regeneration would allow new businesses to come to the area & develop the economy
- "As all previous comments. This town needs something better us residents need to know we are respected and no longer a laughing stock. Our children need something/ somewhere to help them grow that isn't just fast food restaurants. The many families here need a building that doesn't need experience of the Crypron factor to get from one end to the other.
We deserve better!"
- It's despised by the locals. Difficult to navigate, takes ages to get from one place to another. Its so poorly designed and not practical for modern use. People try to avoid it entirely. Places like the library are so out of the way, confusing to get to, that people don't bother using the facilities. People prefer to shop in glasgow instead. It's ugly and



dingey both inside and out. Keeping the building will mean cumbernauld can never move ahead and will be stuck with an ugly, unpractical, impossible to use building right in the town centre, thereby encouraging people to use their cars to go other places rather than shop locally. Please do not list this building, I cannot think of a worse building to keep.

- It won't bring more business or revenue to town as visitors find it hard to navigate the inside
- There is nothing of historical value other than how not to build a town centre
- Building is falling apart and hated by almost everyone.
- Is it an interesting example of construction? No. Does it have important historical and cultural significance? No. Will keeping it, benefit local people, or tourism or anything like that? No. Should it be restored? No. Keeping it will negatively impact on the future lives of residents of Cumbernauld. It is OK to say that this experiment failed and say goodbye to it. It just doesn't work in practice. We need a town centre with modern, welcoming and accessible facilities.
- I think it should be demolished and replaced with a better shopping centre
- Cumbernauld will remain a laughing stock with the mess of the town centre taking away from the other cultural and historic sites that surround the town.
- It is an example of architects being allowed to run wild with no thought to its future use. It was fine when originally built but times have changed and it is no longer fit for purpose and has hampered attempts to give Cumbernauld a town centre that fits its needs
- We have been saddled with this for long enough. Time to give people here something they can be proud of rather than ashamed.
- Unfortunately, the experiment has failed. The building has been hobbled by bad planning and bad decision making. The library on the third floor is impossible to reach because pensioners can't negotiate the steep, dangerous ramps which are usually slippery with sweat (condensation from the concrete) yet the lifts don't work because the parts required to fix them no longer exist. The cracks in the walls look like they're getting thicker, and parts of the building jut out without support columns, all of which were knocked away in the '90s to make way for a modern shopping centre that looks out of place alongside the old building. Cumbernauld Town Centre has to go because it does NOT improve the lives of the local community - in fact, it inflicts misery on them. What I resent is the idea of someone arbitrarily stopping the sale of the building to the council, using their access to block the will of the people. People who remember the building from childhood, who haven't seen it now, don't live here anymore. If they did, they would understand. And they would scream, I imagine.
- As above
- I think this is a waste of time and money
- As explained in previous questions.
- "Although when it was first built Cumbernauld Town Centre had an importance as one of the first covered shopping malls of its kind I believe that the building is not worthy of being designated as a listed building.

It is cold, damp, ugly and extremely poorly designed for 21st century use. It is also an embarrassment to the town, particularly given that it is one of the first things visitors see when they visit Cumbernauld.



I believe that the potential to list this building due to its historical and social significance is by far outweighed by the harm this move would cause on the need to provide a modern 21st century town centre for the people who live in this area.

I believe that the listing request for this building is a cynical move by someone who clearly does not understand the harmful impact of this megastructure on those who live in the town. I imagine that this came about as a result of efforts by North Lanarkshire Council to purchase this structure in order to potentially demolish it and redevelop the Town Centre area for the good of the town."

- There is no aspect to this building to have it listed. It's an eyesore that's majority of the town are ashamed of.
- The Town centre needs to change to allow the Town to prosper
- Disgusting to even consider this. If listed, I shall immediately vacate the town to somewhere with vision and beauty.
- It's a monstrosity
- This building would provide no benefit to the local community as a listed building.
- Same as before
- It's never been properly maintained. Why would listing it change that? In any case. There has been so many bits of buildings added and bolted on over the decades. What bit is original and of importance? It's a maze - a 5 year old with Lego could build something more user friendly and appealing.
- "I understand the thought process behind those wanting to keep it as a listed building, but we have to keep in mind that what it was built for is not what is needed or used for today.

Everything changes and evolves over time and the current building is not suited to the needs of those in the town. Add that to the fact it is also needing some much needed repairs, and has needed these repairs for some time, the building is not fit for purpose any more."

- Should have been pulled down years ago the passageway's to the bus stops are a disgrace damp and smelly and the shopping facilities are terrible the people of Cumbernauld deserve better!!
- It is a travesty to Scottish architecture if you list this
- No. Knock it down and start from scratch, give something to the people of Cumbernauld they can be proud of rather than 2 time winner & 2 time nominee of the "Scottish carbundle award"
- Unless it's being listed as a disgrace or for demolition.
- Demolish it asap
- This hideous megastructure is a burden on the eyes of all who travel through the town or indeed those who use the centre. I cant imagine having to live directly nearby and seeing this building every day.
- Having lived and worked in the town for more than half a century, please do not rely on this survey to determine a final decision. The vast majority of town dwellers are sick of the megastructure, refuse to visit it, and will not take additional time to complete this survey . There are more than 50,000 people in our town .We are neither Guinea pigs nor outcasts from 1960's Glasgow population. Cumbernauld, the biggest town in North Lanarkshire has been forgotten. We need regeneration, new, better ideas. Most of all we need a heart transplant, with the decaying mess removed and bold new life injected.



- There is nothing to be gained in preserving an old, decaying, not fit for purpose building that provides no added value to the community. It is unlikely to morph into a site that people will want to come and visit.
- It would be best to start again and bring Cumbernauld in line with other big towns in having an attractive place to visit.
- As previously mentioned, the town centre is no longer fit for purpose, it is failing to attract retailers and the footfall must be a fraction of what it was a decade or so ago. Making this building listed prevents the redevelopment of the land into a more useable and welcoming space for the towns residents. By “protecting” the building by listing it would be a mistake, the cost to repair, maintain and renovate the space would far exceed the cost to start again, and the outcome would remain the same, there would still be a town centre unable to provide what the community needs.
- "I lived in north Glasgow area for nearly fifty years. I passed the 'Springburn Town Hall' (across from the Fire Station) frequently. When it fell into disuse it soon became an eyesore, with boarded-up window, plants growing in the stonework, etc. Residents nearby had to put up with the eyesore for twenty years or more, until it had to be demolished. (I am not sure but I THINK it was a listed building.)
- So, no 'eyesore' should be a listed building."
- Pull it down start again
- For all the reasons I have already stated...as a resident of the town and as a long standing rate payer...I think it should be taken onto account how the locals feel and their opinions should be of more importance than history or culture because future generations would only wonder what sort of people we were that would think this was either beautiful architecture or culturally important
- This should be a lesson on how NOT to design a town centre, it's a soul-less embarrassment.
- It's an eyesore. Badly needing demolished and rebuilt.
- A physical building does not have to exist to demonstrate historic significance
- Demolish it. It is an eyesore and a dilapidated monstrosity.
- It should be condemned
- Unsafe, ugly, damp, derelict, empty units. It brings the area down. No one uses it. Bring on the demolition men and progress for the area.
- It is a mishmash of everything and probably the greatest lesson to learn would be how never to do something like this again.
- No it shouldn't be. It's needed refurbishing for years. It's derelict looking. It needs to go!
- The building is not fit for purpose now. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better useable facilities.
- "As per all the reasons before. It's never been looked after and not likely too in the future.
The shopping centre has no historical value except fond memories. Take pictures, create a realistic model of it and preserve that on whatever new construction is built but it must come down. Both sides of the town centre to be demolished, however if a good architect can incorporate the big stick out bit that's was flats into the new. Idiom, go for it but the actual town centre should come down and has no historical bearing"
- "I don't agree with it being a listed building cumbernauld is growing fast with house development the last thing the place needs is an old unattractive building sitting in the



middle with nothing but boring shops it needs knocked down a rebuilt to a high attractive standard.

Let the heart of cumbernauld grow with the rest"

- I think the town centre needs regenerated for the sake of our young adults
- Past its sell by date. No longer fit for purpose
- The plans the council is developing will bring a far better environment for the residents of Cumbernauld and will create modern and fit for purpose buildings. The current town centre is ugly and the buildings don't even really co-ordinate with each other.
- It should be removed not protected...it is a concrete carbundle.
- This building is preventing the town and the people who live there from moving forward. The people of the town reside here, but the majority live, work, socialise and shop in Glasgow or Falkirk/Stirling. In order to change that and make Cumbernauld a great place to live we need to move forward. Listing this building could only be of benefit to people who don't live here.
- I feel that times are moving forward and cumbernauld needs to do the same. It needs more family based places, restaurants, activities, less greggs and give more small businesses a chance to thrive in the new world.
- It needs to be demolished
- HES could invest and protect so much more worthy historical buildings and architecture maybe even ones that look nice and people actually want to go to ?
- It's an eyesore. Raise to the ground and design something more aesthetically appealing and fit for purpose for the modern age
- It should be replaced by a building which better serves the people of Cumbernauld and become a hub of the community where the land can be better utilised for community benefit.
- Stated in previous boxes.
- This is not an attractive or functional building anymore. It is in a terrible state of repair and has been re-engineering over the years to create numerous dead end shopping cul de sacs that have seen businesses unable to survive. It should not blight Cumbernauld as some monument to architecture, it was built for a purpose and it no longer serves this.
- It is not significant architecturally or culturally and Cumbernauld deserves a better replacement.
- The building requires to be updated to enhance the lives of Cumbernauld residents.
- Are people seriously saying this eyesore should be kept?? Get it knocked down asap
- No, it has to be demolished to make way for something with purpose that the community of Cumbernauld can be proud of instead of being the butt of a joke.
- Built in the 70's by an architect that was probably at the time one of the best out there times have changed significantly since then and Cumbernauld badly needs dragging into the 20th century.
- Towns need to change with society and the town centre is the main issue with how Cumbernauld appeals to business and residents. It is so poorly maintained, it looks awful and doesn't have the same appeal it had 8 decades ago. It needs knocking down.
- The purpose of the building is to bring the community together and provide vital access. The building in its present state cannot do that, from personal experience of using the facilities. Scheduling the building may limit any ability the change and adapt to modern users. It would be a shame to continue to allow the building to be unusable simply to



protest the historic architecture. As a heritage professional myself, even I would struggle to agree to maintaining the building in its current form, as it will only continue to fall out of use.

- "It's an insult to the people from the local area who have had this monstrosity foisted upon them .
It should be on a list.....
For demolition
You should have a raffle for the privilege of pushing the button...
You'd make a fortune"
- The site is in dire need of redevelopment in order to make it liveable and enjoyable for the population of Cumbernauld.
- It is holding back a town from advancing it's offerings to the community it is supposed to serve. Is it practical...no! Is it well designed...no! Is it attractive...no! Do people marvel at it and think "I wish my town centre looked like that?"...no!
- "It's hideous, the sooner it is blown up , the better.
Hold a raffle to win the chance of pushing the button.....
You'll make a fortune"
- This is a hindrance to town centre redevelopment currently. Cumbernauld needs new life injected into it and the decision not to list this and allowing for its eventual demolition is what's best for this town.
- For all the reasons listed in the previous questions.
- The building although architecturally was unique at the time of building does not serve the community and has not served the community with the intended services when it was originally built for at least 20 years. The hotel, flats, offices and now the shops are not fit for purpose. The structure could not serve a modern society even if internally renovated.
- Dump not fit for purpose
- It is not fit for purpose and should be pulled down
- The place is soulless
- The building is ugly and makes the town a laughing stock. I have never heard anyone show any care about the building. Everyone in the town I have spoken to would welcome the prospect of it being knocked down and replaced by something which makes our town more respectable.
- I think the building should be redesigned in the hope to bring more business to our town like other local areas such as East Kilbride, Clydebank, Parkhead ect those towns have high footfalls with much more desirable shops 90% of the community leave Cumbernauld to spend their money for example today I went to the forge and the fort to get stuff for my grans 80th birthday as I absolutely hate the dark and dinghy building it's depressing
- It's a constant source of ridicule for a town and could be so much more if it's allowed to be replaced with something fit for purpose.
- There is no value in this eyesore and embarrassment being listed. There are far more worthy buildings across Lanarkshire that should be focused upon.
- The town cannot evolve and improve with this building dominating and scuppering attempts to make Cumbernauld a more accessible and inviting place to live, work and shop.



- Memories can be retained and enjoyed but the place now is well past its use and looking nothing like what it did. Sad to see it go but its best years are past.
- The building is no longer fit for purpose and cannot be easily or affordably retrofitted. To continue its use is not energy efficient at a time when we have a climate emergency
- No!!!! Ugly building. Dark, dingy, brown, peeling and an eyesore. No longer fit for purpose. Residents within the area want to see it bulldozed and a modern, friendly, safe, open, light building in its place. To list this would be handicapping the town and residents.
- The building is an absolute mess. My husband's business was based in Carron House for a while and it was not kept in a good state of repair. The building is run down and has many leaks. It is an eyesore as you approach it either on foot or by car. The shopping is limited with the exception of both Asda & Tesco. Residents in this area deserve a well designed, fit for purpose shopping centre.
- Listed buildings usually pleasing to look at
- Absolutely not. I'm still convinced that whoever requested this process is on some kind of windup and almost certainly does not have to use it and pass through it regularly..
- Definitely not
- It is a hideous fit for purpose building. Any value in it has long since gone. It no longer fits with people's needs and the area deserves more than a disintegrating building being held up as a listed building that has to be kept
- Completely disagree it is not fit for purpose there is no history there anymore it is falling apart and is bringing the community down!
- It needs an update
- "The idea that this building should be protected is absolutely ludicrous. It serves no purpose that couldn't be served with a better designed and thought out building. Other than some people with very niche architectural specialist interest or maybe a few who feel sentimental towards this building most people just want a usable space"
- It's a Lego block building
- Na
- The building is a representation of time long passed, most of the uses of that time no longer fit with the needs of the people of Cumbernauld today. To access the facilities and retailers/restaurants etc you need to travel up to 30 miles from the two.
- A listed building should be an example of something positive, a well thought out design, a beautiful example of an architectural style, something that is unique and really functions well. You are preserving a building for its contribution to society. This building does not in my opinion promote anything positive for the town of Cumbernauld and by listing this building you are lumbering Cumbernauld with an inability to progress or self improve and to offer a selection of positive enhancements to both young and old.
- The people of Cumbernauld and the surrounding towns need a town centre to take them through this century. The current buildings do not fit this requirement
- It is awful, an eyesore, a rusting one at that
- It's an eye sore that's falling apart and the space could be used to better the town and surrounding community
- It is an eyesore and unfit for purpose. There is nothing unique about it.
- Don't know much about it but there has been a lot of changes to building itself



- By all means find a way of transporting the structure to a site for preservation it is holding back development of the centre amenities to the benefit of Cumbernauld residents.
- no it would pulled down and rebuilt for this century
- No one wants it. Everyone hates how ugly it is. It's dangerous and unsafe at night due to all the dark alleyways, stairs and corners. The people of Cumbernauld would welcome this ugly ugly monstrosity to disappear !
- "Finally after decades the town centre is to be developed and improved. Residents have been calling out for this for years and years - there is finally hope that a vibrant, safe, attractive town centre could really be possible. Listing the building could prevent these desperately needed improvements.
This is about community safety, health and well being of the residents of the town. We deserve better."
- I don't believe the style of architecture or status as a New Town centre is particularly unique, nor does it have particular historical interest.
- Absolutely not!!
- It's awful has no relevance to today or the future and doesn't encourage any economic or social growth for the town except as a deterrent to future architects. It actively stops new business as the cost of propping it up structurally and economically are excessive. It doesn't encourage inclusivity for any individuals or groups with mobility issues. Most elevators are small and usually out of order and miles away from where people need to be. And even in the new Antonine centre wheelchair access is terrible via the lifts. Tear it down and start afresh.
- "Absolutely NOT!
- This would lumber the residents with this monstrosity for good. That would be awful."
- reasons mentioned before.
- Absolutely NOT! If Historic Environment Scotland want it preserved then move it to your Town. The long suffering people of Cumbernauld have waited over 60 years for a Town Centre we could be proud of, so enough is enough, no more joking about preserving this monstrosity, pull it down or blow it up, we really don't care, just as long as it happens asap.
- The people of Cumbernauld are not proud of the Town Centre and to have the building listed would mean it would be around for generations to come
- Cumbernauld needs to stop living in the past, it needs new, modern facilities in order to continue to grow and listing the town centre will inhibit the ability to do so.
- The old centre had its time, the buildings/centre is outdated, rundown, not fit for purpose for the future of Cumbernauld Town
- It's a eye sore as useless there lack of business that succeededs
- It's a eyesore . A decaying building not fit for purpose. A bit like the yellow and green roadside scrap metal leading up to the centre.
- Read my other views it looks a mess not nice to look at at all.
- "Cumbernauld Town Centre is unfit for purpose and no amount of redevelopment will change the poorly designed, dark and damp conditions. It doesn't feel like a safe place to walk around as a female, it looks and feels cold and heavy pollution surrounds the infrastructure.



It's a lesson on how not to build for sustainability. It can be preserved through video and image but leaving it as a listed building is detrimental for the development of Cumbernauld as a place to live, learn and work."

- I believe that in order for Cumbernauld to thrive it needs to remove the existing Town Centre which is in a poor state of repair and replace it with something that will bring the community together and prevent Cumbernauld having a legacy of dreadful architecture
- Although I do think it meets the criteria, to do so would be more than detrimental to the future of the town, particularly in respect of redevelopment and regeneration. We need modern user friendly spaces with useful functioning amenities.
- If this abhorrent structure is listed it will never be modernised or improved. It is under used and all but abandoned. The best thing to do is either knock it down or completely renovate it which listing will prevent
- The centre is far to old now, it covers a huge area which with the correct investment, could provide a much improved area which Cumbernauld could feel proud of again. This would also create jobs in the future as if done properly would encourage more ppl into the town centre. A new purpose built shopping centre all under one roof not split by a main road would make more sense. it would also lend itself to more space being available to build other things around the town centre again if done properly.
- Providing this building with Listed Building status would be a disgraceful decision.
- It needs to go and in its place something modern and dynamic and eco friendly and open and spacious needs to be built to make the people of Cumbernauld feel proud and the next generations to come feel that their town meets their needs.
- We need to move on.
- The building is not fit for modern purpose. It does not draw the community to it and large areas are now derelict or in disrepair. Rather than trying to grow a sense of community and provide a centralised focus for the town the current structure persuades people to shop and socialise out with the town.
- It is ugly, not fit for purpose and I cannot think of any reason to preserve it. It should be razed to the ground to make way for a modern town centre that will benefit people of Cumbernauld.
- I do not believe it is preserving anything other than an out of date project which is not longer fit for purpose. We want to encourage new business to Cumbernauld not deter it but keeping a shrine to the 60s which doesn't represent modern Scotland.
- I don't think it is of same interest or value as other listed buildings.
- We want a new and more modern town centre and/or leisure facilities. I would much prefer the building knocked down and re built to be more modern and with much more in it to do for youth and the community.
- Its falling apart and an absolute eyesores. It brings nothing to the community.
- "The building lacks Aesthetic merit, not only as the amendments made have led the building to looking like a miss match of various styles.
The building is not significantly old, such that it would be historic.
The brutalist style is significantly represented across the country by other examples of buildings in better condition, and more effectively represent the style such as the Kentigern building in Glasgow. The alterations to the building over the years have led it to lose it's merit as a good architectural example of the style."



- Cumberland needs full regeneration. It needs to be knocked down
- I am astounded this is even a question
- For me something that is listed it is so that we protect the legacy of the creativity of different eras. I really don't believe the town centre is something that warrants this protection. It looks run down externally and visually is a blight. It is not user friendly and as an occasional user of the centre, there are areas that I don't feel safe using.
- It should not be listed, it should be demolished. It is an impediment to peoples lives - the absolute worst thing that architecture can be. We should learn from it, but not preserve it. It absolutely has to go and the fact that it is even being considered is a serious worry to me as an Architect currently working in Scotland. Document it, 3D scan it and then demolish it and be thankful that future residents will not have to suffer its failure.
- I cannot think of one single aspect of Cumbernauld Town Centre that is significantly important to justify the presence of such a detested mish-mash of disrepair and poor design, that cannot be improved upon with a new, better thought out development.
- Because it does not have anything to offer, it has not for years and years and no lick of paint will change it. Everything changes, it is evolution in the making. if society changes and the infrastructure does not change with it, its a disaster. that is Cumbernauld.
- It should not. Anyone who looks at it would agree. Anyone who lives here with any sense would agree..why this notion it is of any significance at all is being entertained is baffling to me
- Its an absolute mess. An eyesore full of charity shops abd shops that nobody wants. Freezing in the winter and that includes inside the shops, dodging buckets full of rain water. A blot on the landscape.
- Absolutely not. Would love for it to be torn down and rebuilt into an attractive town centre with plenty of amenities
- It's looks like a building that was closed decades ago.
- Demolish and give the residents a decent shopping centre
- I think it should be flattened and made into something the community can not only get great use out of but also be proud of, this is the perfect opportunity to leave the old ideas behind and focus on a more centralised idea of community engagement.
- Absolutely not. Nothing but a blight on the landscape.
- It doesn't have the qualities I would expect inside or outside from a listed building. I'm not sure which part renders celebration - the maze of suddenly ending corridors, the poor accessibility in some parts, the unkempt views of various parts of the roof, the inaccessible parts...
- Definitely not. It needs to be pulled down and replaced with a modern, aesthetically pleasing building that our town badly deserves.
- Cumbernauld has suffered enough, as the least successful of the five Scottish New Towns in respects as diverse as housing planning density and road layout. If it was given a modern town centre worthy of the 21st century, Cumbernauld might be able to start closing the gap on its peers. Leave this failed monstrosity in place, and that gap will only widen further. This building is the main reason my family chose to live in EK rather than Cumbernauld in the early Noughties - how many other families will make similar decisions in the years and decades ahead if the existing monostructure is retained?
- For all the reasons previously presented



- It's a failed experiment and current residents shouldn't have to put up with this any longer. Stuck with this for too long, and stifles development.
- The credibility of HES is in question here. You have never raised an issue with this building, tried to prevent the ugly additions or challenged the private owners to maintain any original features. But once in public ownership and subject to real development options in you ride as some sort of champion, after decades of negligence and dereliction of duty if this was once saving for the nation. Listing will only prevent investment and improvement for the town so take the approach of the original developers of the town and let us move with the times and demolish and renew.
- It has one the carbuncle award twice. It's a National joke, get it down and build the new hub.
- It is an experiment gone wrong at the expense of thousands of local residents. It's continued existence will do nothing but perpetuate the lack of provision for the people of this desperately deprived town.
- I don't consider all of the structure to be significant and ultimately it should be fit for purpose.
- Being a listed building might preserve it, there has to be lots of buildings or monuments more deserving of this status.
- For all the reasons listed above
- This building is horrible and the best thing is to knock it down and start again
- The building may have been heralded as a great design when first built but it hasn't stood the test of time. The building is in a state of disrepair and is hard to maintain due to its design. People actively leave the town to avoid this building so any move to make this a listed building would be an abomination
- It is a shopping centre. There is nothing significant or special about it. It has regularly been subject to changes to adapt to changing needs use. It holds none of its original design elements that would merit being listed
- This is laughable.
- I became a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute working in Cumbernauld in the 1970s and got out as soon as possible from this town built by architects and roads planners piggy backing on the New Town movement - to show off their (apparent) talents? They, however, did not follow the original town planning ideals following the plans of, for example, Sir Patrick Abercrombie. Young architects especially were trying to follow the more contemporary designs of Le Corbusier and Frank Lloyd Wright.
- It's a modern needed rebuilt so it's not a maze and shops are in one area particularly the embarrassing old building
- I think if some key features are kept such as the St Enoch's clock and the bronze statues as a nod to the past. However the town centre was outdated even when I was a young child in the mid to late eighties. Woolco closed, there were so many empty draughty dark corridors.
- For reasons stated earlier. Time to stop throwing money at it to try & improve it. This is just a waste. Demolish it & give us a purpose built shopping centre fit for today's consumers.
- Listing the building will ultimately act as an impediment for the regeneration of the town centre in a way which will allow a safer and more usable environment to be created for the surrounding population.



- As answered in previous questions, the building is in extreme disrepair and offers no benefits to residents of Cumbernauld, bringing in tourism.
- The state of it is beyond repair.
- It is not of historic or cultural significance and is keeping Cumbernauld from getting a much needed updated town centre that is more useful for the community. The rabbit warren of the insides is only useful for current residents that know what's there. If it were to become a listed building it would only be detrimental to efforts of upgrading it if it were to stay.
- It's horrible and not worth saving. It's had its day. If anybody wants it help yourself, I will help to demolish it.
- The town centre is an eyesore which is poorly maintained. The people of Cumbernauld deserve much better.
- It is detrimental to the whole of Cumbernauld and let's down the whole of the town
- It doesn't support the needs and requirements of the community of Cumbernauld. Therefore keeping it, in such a badly maintained state, adds no value.
- It's need me a whole revamp and looks appalling and does not encourage people to visits.
- I do not think it should be a listed building as it is a laughing point to all in Cumbernauld and also out with Cumbernauld
- It's an eyesore and should be raised.
- Definitely not/
- Please - just DON'T!!!!
- The town centre is badly in need of regeneration and keeping this megastructure would have a detrimental effect on this regeneration
- No significant cultural nor architectural importance.
- See previous comments box
- It dictates the reputation of the town. It does not provide adequate, quality retail space, it is an eyesore to app but brutalist architecture lovers and the space could much more positively impact Cumbernauld residents lives. Why should they have to live with a museum that provides nothing to them? (Architecture lovers don't add much value to Cumbernauld).
- "It serves absolutely no purpose to the people of Cumbernauld. Cumbernauld is a vibrant town with lots of new housing investments and we need a town centre hub that will keep up with the ever growing and modernisation of Cumbernauld"
- Why should it? It's appalling to look at it and has no value
- It's should be demolished complete eyesore very ugly and unused building, it's just a walk through to the other centres
- Absolutely not. It needs rebuilt!
- "It does not serve the local community, it actively discourages use and repels investment from business. Local people find it embarrassing.
3D map it and document it, but once this is complete it should be demolished ASAP so the town can move on."
- Just cos its old doesn't mean it should be listed. Thing its so outdated and might of looked like the future at the time but that was like 20 years ago
- Absolutely not! His can they justify having this as a listed building??? Ridiculous!



- Definitely not.
- Please, it is time for our town to get a town centre to be proud of. Not to have to suffer through the embarrassment of having a town centre that has won the Carbuncle Award multiple times!
- It provides none of the services and revelatory changes to lifestyle and wellbeing it was "designed" to. Indeed it has had the exact opposite effect for decades. It is an embarrassment and is a brutalist eyesore.
- As previously stated it is an eyesore! The sooner it comes down the better! The Town Centre badly needs modernising!
- It's changed so much from the original design that it's not the same building. Why list it, no one will invest in it's upkeep and it will crumble
- As above
- "For all the reasons stated
The buildings are ugly and of poor design and use. They are in poor state of repair and unlikely to be renovated due to low level of occupation"
- It is unnecessary.
- It is an eyesore.
- Please read previous answers.
- It has no historical or architectural value. Having lived here since 1987 and as a visitor before then, I have never heard it referred as anything other than a mess.
- It's simply a shopping centre, not a building bursting with history.
- Just because it's old and different from any other building, doesn't mean it's noteworthy
- Cumbernauld deserves better
- To designate it as a listed building means those of who live in the town will be stuck with this structure that has passageways where those who are up to no good can thrive, it has many areas where women are not safe in, or elderly folk too.
- I would rather preserve and list the local tip or sewage works than this monstrosity that serves to depress anyone venturing into it. All it does is highlight to the public a sense of poverty, deprivation and inequality. This place is vile.
- Ugly monstrosity
- Why could this eyesore even be considered as a listed building? Seriously its an embarrassment for Cumbernauld as a town centre
- The community does not and would not support it in this form and therefore it has no future as a listed attraction or facility.
- The building is such an eye sore. It has been so for years and any slight improvements have never been fully appreciated due to the rest of the building. Please just replace completely.
- I think the building is a monstrosity. It makes the area look awful and one to avoid. The best thing that could be done is to tear it down.
- I can't stress enough how outdated and hideous the town centre is. Please put Cumbernauld back on the map with a new vision.
- You cannot list this building on the premise that it's one of a kind and used some new design concepts and construction techniques back in the 60s, all of which are well documented. If any modern day architecture enthusiast want to view the town centre they can do so online, there is no need to ruin an entire town by listing this building for



the amusement of a handful of individuals that will probably never set a foot in Cumbernauld.

- It's an eyesore and a joke!
- The building is an embarrassment to the people of Cumbernauld and I believe we deserve a modern, clean town centre building. I would never take any of my visitors to this place
- I think it should be taken down and rebuilt in the hope that other businesses will come to Cumbernauld.
- Embarrassing ugly building which is run down and old. Give us a community that flows so you can actually walk through easily. It's just horrible rip it down. We deserve better. Like the fort.
- Cumbernauld is busy bustling town that needs a building fit for purpose, not dilapidated ruin. It's an eyesore, health and safety disaster at the moment. Beyond repair!!!
- It needs to be got rid of, something that should have been done decades ago. Inside, it's a maze.
- "Refer to all my previous answers.
It needs to be demolished and replaced with something that residents deserve and that meets their needs."
- It needs torn down, rebuilt and modernised. We need good shops and facilities and nobody will open their business with current state.
- Far more beautiful buildings (I'm thinking of so many lovely Art Deco buildings in Glasgow) have been demolished over the years that could still have had purpose and were no doubt in better condition. Whilst I understand the historical significance of the original building, I don't think we need to retain it to appreciate that, particularly as so much of it has changed since it was first built. Do you really need to see a building in the flesh to appreciate what it once was? Given the poor state it's in now, and that it's surrounded by new bits bolted on, it's very hard to get a sense of what the original building was like. You have to go back to the old photos and footage to fully appreciate what it was.
- By listing it you would stop the area from being regenerated. There have been too many unhelpful changes made already. It is no longer what the town needs
- Again, as per previous comments
- The building is not fit for purpose and should not be protected. The architectural and historical significance can be recorded and maintained through the excellent records that HES keeps but they do not warrant this being a listed building and protected from demolition. As a user of this building, I can say much of the building is empty, with many empty units as well as much unused space due to the architecture not being suitable for purpose. It feels like an inefficient and terribly designed (for use) building when you are in it with random spaces and corridors that don't make sense and are easy to get lost in. It also does not feel a safe place to be. I would never go to this building at night or in darkness and even feel on edge visiting during the day. For example, to get to the library on the upper floor there are long, winding and isolated corridors where I would not be able to easily raise the alarm should I be in danger. The building should not be protected and continued to be used as a modern public space. It goes against almost all of the principles of how heritage should be built into our communities and the principle of using the past to help build a better future that is at the heart of HES's Corporate Plan. I very rarely respond to consultations, but as a former HES employee who helped



write the Corporate Plan, I feel protecting a building like this that is not suitable for community use goes against most of the discussions I had about heritage while at HES. These buildings should be celebrated and recorded as part of our heritage but that doesn't mean listing them and keeping them as physical buildings when they don't fit with our present and future.

- As previously stated I think only the floating upper portion is of significance worth keeping if it can be repurposed.
- Definitely not as I have gave more than enough reasons, why don't you just take your survey to the Town Centre for two weeks if you want an honest result or is easier to hid it away in this type of survey where not everyone sees it ?
- The concept of the building as a megastructure was amazing for its time period, but after years of neglect and not functioning for todays society, it's time for a change for Cumbernauld to not be the laughing stock of the central belt, with memes comparing it to Chernobyl. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better.
- Pepe who do not have to live with it should not be enforcing it on us. It's grim and not worth celebrating anymore.
- It's an eye sore
- The building has created an unpleasant, unsettling and unattractive built environment. Parts of the mega structure feel unsafe to be in the sense that it has many hidden and unusual spaces. The bus station is a particularly unpleasant place to be.
- Please please raise the eye sore to the ground. So many beautiful new housing estates around the town with lovely families. Give them something to be proud of as this eyesore has to go to give way for the new community hub.
- Why would you list a building that is a laughing stock and adds no value to the residents of Cumbernauld when a replacement plan is more forward thinking
- I would go as far as to say you'd building is actually responsible for holding the town back in the past. Many attempts to regenerate have been thwarted as that area has had to be considered in ant builds. It's really not a building that I personally would consider of need to list. It is not a pretty nor functional space. It's really not something that as a person who's lived in Cumbernauld all their days finds important or good for the town. Happy for it to be pulled down and added to history books.
- All of my comments are an answer to this. In summary: It is an architectural experiment that has failed and it began to fail early in its life despite it being of architectural interest. The extreme brutalism of aspects of the design did not take into account how people use buildings and their need for safety, accessibility and to some extent beauty. The town centre has had a highly negative influence on a town that that has lots of successful architecture and beautiful green spaces earning the town repeated carbuncle awards causing stigma and even shame. The building no longer reflects the original designs in terms of materials, layout, shopfronts and the attempt at civic space - the original aesthetics have been largely destroyed and the building is in terminal decline for all sorts of reasons. It is hard to see how or why this building could be preserved and how such an unwelcome (to the people of the town) intervention could be funded in these times. It would leave Cumbernauld carrying the weight of a failed, unloved and rapidl decaying building.
- Absolutely not. I've lived here for 30 years and in all that time it's needed updated.
- If it was returned to it's orginal form and repaired to it's orginal standard, perhaps, but clearly no one has wanted to do that or pay for it. As it is, no the building has had it's



time and is in the prime location for the centre. If there was a way to incorporate aspects of its design with a new building I think that would be a nice way to honour the architect and the centres memory. I very much doubt that that will happen though.

- No then improvements can't be made to better serve the community.
- It needs hit with a wrecking ball. This should have been done 25 years ago
- We shouldn't be keeping buildings because they are famous for being ugly. It isn't fit for the needs of the current population never mind future ones. I can't see how it could successfully be incorporated into a new design.
- It had its time and place. That was decades ago, the town can't move forward with it still in place.
- Listed for demolition only
- Why on earth would you list an ugly building like this?
- I think it would delay upgrade of a new town centre and most people don't like it, in my opinion. Love Cumbernauld, its got so much going for it, but the town centre embarrasses us and tarnishes the good name of Cumbernauld .
- "As above.
Eyesore
Embarrassing to visit with people from outside the area
Health and safety concern
Not structurally sound
Difficult to navigate
Lack of decent shops"
- This structure must be removed to make way for new modern functional buildings fit for a new town centre and fit for generations to come.
- Of VERY limited interest to majority.
- It is no longer fit for purpose. The council and owners over the last twenty years have allowed the town centre to deteriorate beyond all salvation
- It is already an expensive eyesore and feels unsafe to use. Dark dingy passageways and impossible to navigate.
- It needs to be demolished and rebuilt to fit with the times and what the community needs.
- The previous responses should be adequate indication of my reasons.
- most certainly not, it has had many years to evolve and has failed to do so.
- Would you? If this is where you shopped, socialised or worked
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve better. This is an ugly monstrosity.
- Please don't list this eyesore. If anyone who doesn't live in Cumbernauld and yet wants it listed, take bits of it and rebuild it in their town centre.
- As before, it is an embarrassing eyesore.
- The building serves only as a source of ridicule and failure for the town far outweighing the small number of over excited architectural snobs who like to wax eloquent about its design whilst ignoring all of its faults.
- There is little point in keeping a building that is an eye sore and not fit for today's community.
- Of no cultural importance at all. A mistake from the very beginning



- The local economy is in need of an infrastructure boost. By knocking down and starting redevelopment you will give a boost to the local job market and local businesses. Making it a listed building would do more harm than good
- Only those not having to look at it or use it , I'm sure , would think that !!!!
- I have explained in previous answer
- It is a concrete monstrosity, it has no place in a modern world
- Look at it. It won the "Plook on a Plinth" award for a reason.
- In my view the building has been an eyesore since I moved here 48 years ago. Why designate it a listed building and make difficult to improve the whole area.
- "No. It should be torn down. It is in prime land in the centre of the town. The people of Cumbernauld deserve a town centre fit for purpose!
The building can be documented and preserved in other ways than still standing. If the council and investors really cared about the structure, they would have invested in the building long before now. It's damp, energy inefficient and has no place in a modern world."
- We need better more modern family friendly facilities tjtat people want to use I actively avoid the mess of the town centre
- All points above.
- As it stands, the current town centre is a running joke to most people outside of Cumbernauld who are aware of the building. It would be interesting to know how many tourists it currently attracts. If it were to be listed (which I'd be strongly against) what would be the long term viability of this? Would would be the impact on the local community financially and socially? Are there plans to make this a usable space, rather than just remaining a dilapidated, unfit for purpose centre?
- Beyond salvage, needs better and updated facilities
- No. It's a grotesque building that doesn't even do local people the service of being useful. It's a deeply depressing place to spend any time.
- "Listing a building like a castle or a manor house, or something similar, generally shouldn't get in the way of progress. So, a castle is listed, people can visit it, etc etc, all good.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre may be part of some bizarre architectural style. That doesn't mean it should stand in the way of the residents of Cumbernauld finally (finally!) having a Town Centre which will improve the community.
- I have to wonder why on earth anyone would want to ""save"" the current building? I do not see people flocking every week to admire the architecture. There aren't tours of the centre. Currently it does nothing for Cumbernauld except make us a laughing stock.
- I am all for preserving history and remembering where we have come from. I'm a member of Historic Scotland. Part of that remembrance is understanding that it can also serve as a warning of how *not* to do things."
- It is an horrendous monstrosity, the plans of which should've been destroyed at conception and the architect sent packing.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is an eyesore and an embarrassment. It has been systematically run down by the owners for years now. The people of Cumbernauld deserve to have a facility to be proud of as is the case with other New Towns in Scotland.
- There is nothing fascinating about the building



- The town centre is the focal point in Cumbernauld. It ONLY creates negativity throughout all aspects of our lives whether it be social, media, cultural and so on. It is (and has been) holding the town back for many, many years.
- It is a massive eye sore to Cumbernauld, it made Cumbernauld a laughing stock and still does. It's unsafe, health and safety hazards, subsidence, leaks, no heating, is enough to say please close it down and demolish it start a fresh - give Cumbernauld a shopping centre to be proud of
- I think I've said it all. It is considered ugly by the majority of people here. It is not a good example of architecture. Maybe, for those who believe it should be listed, it could be moved and placed in a more remote place. As it is the centre of a town, which has no high streets or other places of interest, the centre should have a positive effect on people's mental health.
- It's an architectural eyesore with no historical value and is fairly inaccessible and not fit for purpose
- It's a burden on the town doing this will negatively affect the town's future
- No. It's a place to avoid in its current format.
- It is a collection of buildings which have been left to go to ruin, the only historic thing about it was winning the Carbuncle award
- The majority of people who live in Cumbernauld think it is an eyesore and would love to see it gone
- Answers provided above.
- It's the most unattractive to look at. Most people of Cumbernauld are wanting a modern good looking high street where they can be proud to take family and friends to whom don't come from the town.
- Listed buildings are buildings of interest and there is nothing interesting about the building. We urgently need to take action to make this a core functioning building for the many shoppers of Cumbernauld.
- "The building is an eye sore. The fact someone has applied for this to be a listed building dumbfounds me. I can only assume they have an agenda so that funds are redirected to somewhere which actually means something to them.
Bring it down and start over.
Cumbernauld has a growing and varied population which would support a fit for purpose town centre."
- The building needs demolishing to provide modern up to date facilities for the local community
- Just as before it's an eyesore needs to make way for a newer community hub!
- Definitely not if it was we would never get any improvement done at all
- It has no right to be considered.
- Reject application
- It needs to be knocked down and make way for a new development. It is outdated and unfit for purpose.
- See answers to previous questions
- see previous comments
- The building is hideous and totally insufficient for the town's needs. It needs demolition and a new modern and environmentally friendly Town Centre Building put in its place.
- No.



- If it looked tidy and was somewhere that people wanted to visit because of its look then keep it but it isn't. It's awful.
- There is nothing if any importance about it that should make it a listed building
- Eye sore Cumbernauld deserves so much more
- The building is in poor condition and unfit for use. The people of Cumbernauld need up to date facilities and by keeping this building here would prevent this. I've lived in Cumbernauld my entire life and raised my family here and the council have never moved with the times. Listing the building will prevent that. The new generation need new facilities.
- "It's falling to bits
it leaks and doesn't get repaired it needs demolished and rebuilt"
- it's ugly and embarrassing Scotland has so much to offer but would never take anyone there
- We want to make Cumbernauld a success, both commercially and as a nice place to be. The town centre detracts from that.
- It needs to be bulldozed
- As per my statements above, this building serves no purpose to the people of Cumbernauld. It must be replaced with something more modern and attractive, something that the local community can be proud of.
- it is an eyesore now after years of neglect pull it down and start again
- This would only act as an impediment to investment. There has been little invested over the years which has led to a significant decline in the building's aesthetic appeal and pushed away consumer activity as well as utilising the town centre for civic purposes.
- The sooner a new town centre is built the better
- It's an eyesore and not inviting
- WHY???? its concrete.....its any eyesoreget it bulldozed
- Absolutely not - its any eyesore and not fit for purpose. It anchors a bad view of the area as it is such a state.
- The whole town centre area needs rejuvenated and to make this eyesore a listed building would be an embarrassment and stop any chance of the people of Cumbernauld getting a decent town centre.
- Ugly/eyesore with no great purpose or justification other than its old and some designed it, in my opinion in a stupid way.
- Only buildings which are worthy and aesthetically pleasing should be listed, this is neither.
- It's horrendously ugly and the materials that were used to build are bad for the environment (and not efficient). So it's not important to list it for future generations to learn anything from.
- I heard this application for listed status and thought it sounded like a mickey take. It still does. I wonder if there is malicious agency in blocking the town's opportunity to replace one of the biggest drawbacks to the area.
- It is difficult to access.
- For all the reasons already mentioned
- Please re-read answers to questions 1 to 9
- This building exists fondly in the minds of those who view it from afar: the roof leaks; the shops are not suitable for purpose and the residents are far more likely to travel to sites



like Livingston Outlet or The Glasgow Fort than a few minutes down the road to the heart of their local town.

- It is an eye sore and a dump
- It is an eyesore both externally and internally. It is not fit for purpose and its purpose is not fit for the modern town. It will forever inhibit proper development of the town in the 21st century if it is allowed to remain.
- "There needs to be significant investment in the whole town centre and adjacent areas to encourage existing businesses to flourish and attract new businesses.
- Far too many local people travel outwith Cumbernauld to have a enjoyable shopping experience in bright, welcoming surroundings offering retail and leisure under one roof"
- Jeezo see my previous answers !!
- "As the theme of most of my answers. This offers no value to the residents of Cumbernauld. I struggle to see the value beyond that too. Maybe some lessons to learn about what not to do when trying to develop a safe, healthy, inclusive town. While the ideas may be of interest to others I assume no many of them would live in the area."
- Absolutely not. It is an embarrassment of a town centre and for the number of people living here, we deserve much better.
- It is ugly. The layout of the building can be perceived as being unsafe for anyone who is vulnerable who may be using it. The ramp areas are too isolated. I tend not to go in unless I can help it. The road through the middle makes the area uninviting and generally walking in the town centre can become intimidating.
- listed building are a great idea. it terrible concept to keep money just runs away. repaired running cost not inclusive not fit for when we need now and going forward.
- My previous answers cover this
- Absolutely not! Tear it down and start again and get some decent facilities for this growing town.
- "I say this most strongly, and in context of the historical significance of the building and of the original concept of the Town Centre as a whole. This building needs to be demolished... it's story can be retold in pictures, and the whole area needs to be regenerated in order to attract investment, business and employment to the town.
If this building were to be listed and then legally required to stay in situ, there would be severe limitations in the redevelopment possibilities for the area as a whole."
- It is falling apart and needs demolished and a new building in place
- We need to move forward into the 21st century, it has a young family based population we need to cater for all that going forward. Poor for live entertainment, still no cinema! Too open to the weather, too many pound shops, charity shops card shops and no real shops for male fashion at all.
- Please God tear it down
- We need to modernise the town centre.
- The centre is not fit for purpose and the building has reached the end of its working life.
- Then it couldn't be changed to the extent that it needs to be. It needs demolished and a modern town centre befitting a town the size of Cumbernauld could be built. It's about time we could stop being embarrassed by it when relatives come to stay and we have to take them elsewhere to shop. No one is interested in awards from years ago, that was



then and now it is a dilapidated building that will end up disused and derelict if you put regulations around changes that need made to it. Rent is high enough without adding further costs to it. It is difficult enough to entice decent shops to come here to be part of a building that only ever gets slagged off.

- Only beautiful architecture should be deemed a listed building . This is purely concrete not attractive at all .
- The centre has won the award for the worst town centre on numerous occasions . If you ask the residents the people who actually use: shop there they hate it / are embarrassed by it , we are in the top ten most inhabited places in Scotland. Let's give Cumbernauld something to be proud of . It's new town not everything worked first time , embraced what is good but get rid of what does not work 60 years on , the world and the community have moved on
- There is no need to preserve this building. It is an embarrassing structure which holds little affection in the hearts of the residents. It is preventing real change which would boost the community
- Absolutely not. Our town needs updated and brought into the views of the future. The town centre is abismal. It holds nothing that anyone really enjoys, charity shops are not appealing. The library is inaccessible when the lifts don't work which is often as there are too many ramps. The prices of rent within the building are pathetic and discourage new businesses from investing in the community.
- That would be the opposite of progress.
- The centre was built as a futuristic fantasy where it was envisaged that people would drive up, park underneath and enjoy covered shopping free from the effects of the weather. It never had any flow and there was no sense of community. It was always a concrete rabbit warren.
- It's an awful building that is so confusing to designate, it needs one new facility for all social and shopping needs.
- For all the reasons above. And so many many many more i
- It's not worthy of this designation.
- It is not an attractive building and should be replaced asap in order for people to actually want to visit Cumbernauld.
- Just because a building won an award when it was first built doesn't mean that it should be kept
- "It's not fair to force the community to live with crumbling infrastructure and a miserable environment in the name of architectural curiosity.
A town centre needs to be functional and serve the needs of the people. Cumbernauld Town Centre has failed in this task and should be replaced."
- It is an eyesore and an embarrassment. It's not fit for purpose and is literally crumbling in places
- No longer fit for purpose. Its time has passed.
- As answer above
- We have an opportunity to create a town hub more suitable for today's needs, and accessible to more people, which will be wasted if we retain the old megastructure
- I'm my opinion listing should be reserved for buildings that are worthy of teaching future generations their history. This is not one of those buildings



- The building is an eyesore & should be demolished to make way for a more relevant up to date building, we, the residents of Cumbernauld can be proud of.
- Designating the Town Centre as a listed building would take away any hope of some day developing the area to an uplifting, happy place. We would be forced to live forever with the ugliest buildings in the UK.
- "Absolutely not
For what purpose would this serve?
I lived in cumbernauld for years. People do not visit because really, why would you?
Give cumbernauld a place to build community, a heart and a soul and then we might be onto something"
- Really? Can you give any reason why this ghastly building that is nothing like its original concept should be saved?
- I think my previous answers answer this question.
- If it was listed the site could not be redeveloped.
- "Although the centre is reasonably well known, it is for the wrong reasons. I have never heard a good word said about it.
Looking at it is not pleasing to the eye, being in it is not especially enjoyable either.
To be blunt, the thought of this building being thought of as anything other than a project for demolition is astonishing.
On your website it states:
"... what is the historic environment?...
It can be a place, an object or an idea."
It can also be a photograph. Which is good enough for me."
- What on earth would the future generations of our decision to list such an abomination
- "It's a architectural mistake. A hotchpotch of buildings with no cohesive design neither fit for purpose nor function as it is made with limiting factors and ideas constrained by a road and no long term vision.
It is am accident by design not a design of great academic or visionary importance. It is a lesson in what not to do. Keeping it would be a further insult to the thousands of residents who have suffered embarrassment of its continued existence."
- Listing this structure would condemn Cumbernauld to long lasting economic deprivation. This is not a typical building that could be worked around it is the heart of the town that stopped beating many years ago and it's time to bury it and give residents a new and thriving town centre.
- I can't see any historic or cultural importance in this crumbling building. Its not fit for purpose and isn't loved by the people who have no option but to use it. I am not aware of anyone who is happy with it the way it is. If it is listed, it would just stop us getting a useful and much needed town hub and create a lot of resentment.
- It needs put out of its misery
- The building is not fit for purpose. It has been in the state of decline for many years. It is a health and safety hazard. I work on the 3rd floor of the town centre, the lifts are constantly out of order, on the few occasions they are working staff often get stuck in them, pigeons are flying about and leaving mess everywhere, the ramps are so slippery many people fall on them, buckets are all over the place when it is raining.
- Absolutely not, what sane person would think this
- It would rule out redevelopment in a more user friendly, community inspired design



- It's an absolute eyesore and laughing stock of western Scotland, demolish it and give us a functional town centre that people actually want to go to.
- It does not meet the community needs, it is hard to heat in winter, hard to cool in summer. The integrity of the building has not been maintained over the years.
- The town centre has failed to provide a focal point for the people of Cumbernauld.
- This building would be better placed as a photo presented in a museum as an example of how not to build a town centre
- Its way past more investment not that it has had much of that from its many landlords over the years pull it down and use any monies available to build a bigger and better future for cumbernauld
- It has no interesting history or current function
- You can't demolish listed buildings and if listed it has to be maintained in its current state which is definitely not in the interests of Cumbernauld.
- Absolutely not. Public who use centre week in week out, just want a decent shopping centre.
- The architectural and historical value of the town centre can be documented via photography/videography and even showcased in an exhibition. The building does not need to be listed in order to recognise it's importance. The town centre should be the hub of the community and the people of Cumbernauld deserve a centre that is fit for purpose, that they can be proud of and can raise their families happily in.
- Absolutely not the centre needs to be pulled down. Most of it doesn't get used and is an eyesore. Could be used for so much better purpose.
- It needs to be demolished to make way for modern facilities.
- The town needs investment and regeneration, this will be near impossible if the awful useless eyesore of a building is kept
- Why should it be listed building it has nothing to offer no decent shops no decent restaurants and its falling apart you can get through all phases 1 to 3 and phase 4 and antonine in 20 minutes if not quicker you most definitely could not spend the day out there
- Outdated
- There must be something in it for whoever put this filthy rundown building up for listing. There isn't even decent bus stops to get you in and or out, even the aging lifts that have had £10,000 spent on then years ago it is a hit and miss if they ever work. Same with the escalators. Can't even attract businesses it is like a slum
- This building is not fit for purpose and will continue to use money to maintain a building the majority of Cumbernauld do not want or identify with! This building will inevitable prevent progress of the town and will continue to deteriorate! Take a picture and display that but do not preserve this eyesore!
- The people that live in this area deserve a facility that's fit for purpose that can cater to their needs. The town centre must be demolished and replaced.
- Its an embarrassment an eyesore and full of pound shops now
- This would be utter architectural heresy. The people deserve so much better. It may - like many functional buildings of the 60s & 70s - started out with the best intentions for society but it failed in my humble opinion. Some of the creative artworks that featured later were creative and unique but it took a recent documentary decades later hosted by Mark Bonnar to properly reveal these wee gems. If only they had created it with



innovative public artists codesigning with local people and the younger generation. This is what it needs now. And to be a wholly cutting edge sustainable building design like some of the incredible buildings in Denmark, Austria, USA, etc, with living plants, Solar PV, natural lighting & ventilation, natural building materials, roof gardens, rainwater harvesting, interactive educational components, heat recovery systems, open play areas and a wide diversity of functional spaces and for social gatherings. I plead with the Government and council to regenerate this old concrete edifice.

- The building fails at all levels, retailers are not attracted to set up shop here. For a building to earn protection it should have some redeeming features, this building has none. It should serve a purpose, this building has no purpose, it should be a thing of beauty, it is ugly. The neglect of this building is an indication that no one has any sense of pride for it. Get rid and give the people of Cumbernauld something purposeful to be proud of.
- "If this was to happen, there would be no ability to alter the structure.
It is time for a change and modernisation of the town.
With the eyesore of a town centre and the depressing looking houses along side Tesco it is not a happy part to enter of Cumbernauld."
- It has no significant historical importance.
- Absolutely not, this has to have been proposed as a joke.
It's ugly
- There needs to be significant redevelopment of the town centre and this cannot happen with the old building in place. It is run down, unsafe in many areas and not fit for purpose. The community deserves better. The popularity of the recent Westfield retail park shows there is still an appetite for this style of shopping/community area, but the town centre does not offer this.
- It's a dump! Tired. Dated. Useless. Wast of space!
- Listing the building could prevent much needed development. It is not fit for purpose and needs to be redeveloped. The parts which might have had historic significance (from architectural point of view) have long fallen into disrepair, or have been removed or built over by more modern buildings. The only 'historical significance' the Town Centre 'as is' has is the very negative impact it's had on the people of Cumbernauld.
- Its a terrible building which is very out dated and falling apart.
- It is a horrible building, not fit for purpose and should be pulled down
- We need to be aloud to improve our town for the next generation
- Cumbernauld has been laughed at for to long with this ugly building
- It offers nothing to anyone!
- Demolition, this is a joke to think that this deplorable building would be classed as listed
- As above it's an eyesore
- It should be torn down.
- I dont think the centre has much to offer in more recent years, most of it has no use & has many empty premises, how can this be of benefit to the townsfolk.
- It is an eyesore, a failed experiment, is not fit for purpose and creates problems for the residents of the town.
- For all the reasons I've already stated. Cumbernauld is a thriving up and coming area with some really lovely houses. There is a lot of money in Cumbernauld - but residents are having to take their money elsewhere as the facilities are not in our centre. If I want



to go Christmas shopping or holiday shopping, I have to go to the Fort in Glasgow or to Stirling - all I have here is pound shops, charity shops and takeaways. It's a shame as the town centre could be great and encourage people to shop here if the facilities were fit for purpose - in my view, the town centre has to go, to make room for something much more exciting and to encourage some big names in shopping to our town.

- I love 60s brutalist architecture, but the Cumbernauld town centre is an ugly eyesore unfit for purpose.
- It is a bad design and I have no idea why we would want to protect it.
- This would prevent upgrading and much needed investment into the area. Demolish and rethink from scratch. Cumbernauld people deserve better.
- Most of it is hard to access and it's unappealing to look at. It's not pleasant to walk through and areas can feel eerie to be on your own in
- "As noted on a, I think it was BBC Scotland programme, the visitor looking for the town centre is greeted with this concrete monstrosity, there is no clear way into the building.
- To see a building done well you need look no further the the new flats being built by, I think Sanctuary homes. The curves of the building are reminiscent of Edwardian terraced homes."
- Please refer to my previous comments.
- "The building has been an abject failure on all fronts.
Aesthetically ugly & lacking anything interesting
An engineering failure which has been collapsing in stages since the 1980s (Golden Eagle hotel anyone?)
Socially unfit for purpose. Lots of disparate areas with terrible facilities (no toilets, warren like) and no space
where people can come together.
Why preserve a total and abject failure; take pictures maybe build a small museum to its memory and move on."
- This survey has helped me to think more deeply about the issue. Although nostalgia plays an important part, the reality is that the buildings have little real aesthetic value now and the nostalgia, commemorative and learning areas can be resolved in other ways without listing the building. Something (exhibition space, documentary, case study) should be done to preserve what the original concept represented and how it evolved.
- The best thing for Cumbernauld Town center is demolish it and build a complete new one. The current one is like a badly built jigsaw.
- Not at all. Never. It needs delisted immediately and knocked down.
- I think it should be knocked down and start from scratch. Cumbernauld is a fabulous place to live but this building is constantly ridiculed
- It's needs knocked down and started again. It is an eyesore and disgrace to our community! Real consultation needed with residents, local and national business, potential investors. We need something fit for 21st century but will attract others.
- No, it's a burden and a waste of space.
- The building is famous for being so cumbersome. Cumbernauld deserves to regenerate the area.
- Time for change its a new Generation needs a new look and a new Direction for the future of the people of Cumbernauld



- it does look like a factory. whoever has made this application seems doing this to be disruptive of the councils plans and suspect it's the same person or group that applied for the civic centre. That aside the current building is visually a mess, and goodness knows what wasted investment it would need to maintain it as begins to degrade with exposure to the elements
- A monster
- Already touched on this answer in previous question..
- It's an eyesore in the community. The town deserves to have a fresh start and getting rid of this monstrosity is the start.
- No building an eyesore not fit for purpose.
- As this will kill the town centre of Cumbernauld and we will be left with this eyesore, that will only cost more and money to maintain as time goes on.
- It is both poor condition and doesn't meet the modern requirements. Added to this, it's expensive to maintain and not sustainable from an energy point of view.
- "No, cheaper to start again as with most 60s brutalist buildings, can't imagine the cost to maintain. Enough examples of that type of architecture remain.
Give the people of Cumbernauld what they want, a fit for purpose, easily navigable site with a decent accessible bus station and swimming po/sports centre!!"
- Very definitely no. I see no reason for it except as a warning to architectural students of what not to do!
- See above
- The building is vile and has no value in any way - the people of Cumbernauld and North Lanarkshire deserve better. It is sad that small minded people are trying to claim that this building is a valuable piece of architecture and it would be shameful to allow this property to be treated as a historical building and I would be shocked to find that such a respected organisation would ever entertain such a thing. Therefore my answer is a huge NO it should NOT be designated as a listed building!
- Absolutely not for all of the reasons I've just given in this form.
- It is no longer fit for purpose and with the fiscal demands in mind should be replaced with a more cost effective and easily maintained building.
- It's been ruined.
- Absolutely not. It does not add value to the community of Cumbernauld in any way. We deserve better
- Nothing about this building is attractive or worth a visit. Nothing. It's an embarrassment.
- You are joking!!
- Please do not allow my grandchildren and their children to live with this monstrosity. We need something that will encourage the younger generation to stay in Cumbernauld and spen their money here instead of heading to Glasgow, Stirling or Falkirk.
- The only way to remove it from the town is to remove it from the listed building registry. It needs to be removed to give the people who live in Cumbernauld a chance at having a better town centre.
- The architecture is awful
- Pull it down and start again on the periphery of the town with decent transport links
- It has little/no local support as an architectural icon. Is not a fine example of its style.
- "Cumbernauld Town Centre needs to be demolished and rebuilt for the future generations..



There is absolutely nothing here to keep them.. no decent shops, no cinema, no decent restaurants all fast food no matter where you go in Cumbernauld"

- The whole centre needs redone and keeping this as a listed building with stop that hapoening
- In order to provide a town centre to serve the residents of Cumbernauld, developers need to be free to redesign without keeping buildings that are outdated and unfit for purpose.
- Genuinely it serves no purpose in its current state.
- For all the reasons previously listed, this building does nothing to enhance the attraction of visitors to North Lanarkshire
- As a resident of Cumbernauld, the town should be useful to me, I currently don't use the library as it's situated in this building, which is poorly maintained, damp, very cold, dirty and feels unsafe to use as a woman due to the layout of corridors leaving lots of hiding places for people and due to most of the place being empty it can feel like you are the only person in it. The town of Cumbernauld shouldn't have to suffer with substandard facilities due to it being an architectural oddity.
- Its is thoroughly well documented. If you want to explore the past, use historic records including books, films and architectural records. Don't spend another penny maintaining something that delivers no exception function or any aesthetic benefit at all. The number of people requesting listed status is dwarfed by the people looking for modern amenities and places. Retailers and service providers should not be dissuaded from providing their offering by requiring them to operate in an out of date, unattractive and inefficient premises. They will, and do, go elsewhere. How is that improving the lives of Cumbernauld residents. Giving the building listed status just compounds this problem. It would be unfair and unkind to Cumbernauld residents.
- The building is difficult to keep wind and watertight never mind find tenants willing to pay for the privilege of the ever dwindling footfall within the structure. Listing the building will merely lead to another Cardross seminary leaving a concrete behemoth in the centre of a town leading to a whole town to stagnate.
- It's now a white Elephant. If this building is listed, it will effectively preclude improved operations.
- It's incredibly ugly and is only a shopping centre. It doesn't have any real or significant historical importance.
- Not something that served the people it was supposed to be built for. Not public friendly.
- I have given my reasons in previous answers
- As above
- Bulldoze it.
- It is a mish mash of old buildings and styles
- See answers above. The town centre has outserved its purposeful life and has to be replaced. Details should be retained digitally for archival purposes only. Some of the artefacts of the centre should be retained for display in a replacement centre.
- It would be best to replace it with an exemplar of sustainable development so that Cumbernauld can flourish and attract business and culture to the area.
- Ugly, brutal and difficult to use it's facilities



- We have opportunity to experience spaces and places in a 4D digital world. Listing would give a barnacle/noose around cumbernauld society's neck a level of protection that would impose restrictions on potential betterment/improvement of an area. The picture chosen for the survey is unfortunate in that the advertising of William Hill is an indicator "species" identifying gambling and the social setting it thrives in - is that the kind of culture we want to keep alive?
- Ugly building with nothing important to retain for the future
- "Definitely not
It has no purpose now
Needs to be replaced"
- Giving this building a listing could prevent regeneration of the town centre. The building itself is of no great architectural merit being an another example of inward looking form following function design from this decade. It turns its back on the surrounding area. Contributing little visually.
- It is not a listed building.
- Refer to previous comments Why list a failure?
- see first reply
- I don't believe it is architecturally significant enough to stand in the way of new improved facilities which the community would benefit from in this centralised location.
- Absolutely not. This building is totally out of date and a blight in the middle of Cumbernauld.
- Not a chance. There are far more impressive Brutalist structures in Scotland that are worthy of listing - this thing is a mishmash of development styles and architecture. It's an abomination.
- I would not like it to become like St Peters Seminary in Cardross
- I feel that a building should be considered listed if it has had a strong positive impact on the society it was intended to serve. I think that while the idea was visionary, it failed in its town centre and community vision. As such, I don't feel it has a place being preserved.
- "As I have explained above.
We do not need reminders of poor architecture to remain."
- Cumbernauld has suffered enough from decades of poor planning, ugly architecture and subsequent neglect. To designate the Town Centre as a listed building would be for the benefit of a select few with a very niche interest in architectural history with no consideration to what is really important to the people of the town; good quality amenities that improve the quality of life for residents and improve the prospects for Cumbernauld as a whole.
- seriously?
- It should be repurposed. Listing it might limit what can be done with it.
- As per previous comments. Not fit for purpose and ugly.
- Absolutely should not be designated as a listed building as there's nothing special about it whatsoever
- It should be destroyed and redesigned to suit modern communities. Better facilities that reflect the locals that use it.
- Absolutely not, needs completely rejigged for the new age
- Concrete eye sore



- It's a ugly, useless monstrosity. Listing it will hold back what the whole town needs and wants for the sake of keeping a building on stilts, as a monument on what not to do? Take photos and rip it down!
- The idea that someone can say "Look at this barely usable, expensive to maintain eyesore. This must remain here in perpetuity whilst the town centre withers and dies" is absurd.
- "It does not offer an experience or any services which improve the quality of my life or that of my family, despite the fact we live here. We would use facilities such as quality eateries if they existed. This would enable us to contribute to the local economy. I cannot see any justification for the Town Centre to merit listed status."
- "The thought of this ugly building being given the honour of being designated as a listed building makes me nauseous.
Listed building status should be reserved for building that everyone enjoys, not just people studying architecture. To be honest, I think they only visit Cumbernauld Town Centre as an example of what NOT to do when designing a building."
- Listing the building would keep this empty shell and promote vandalism whilst other areas such as the retail park near Condorrat would expand and thrive leaving the centre behind.
- "I don't see how listing it it would help with improvements and new building or repair work. It would slow everything down. We need a town centre that works for everyone. A bus station not a bus stop on a 40 mph dual carriage way! An accessible library. Better car parking with less time limits. Lifts and escalators that work. A building that is easy to navigate. A central space for community events."
- It would have more value to Scottish architecture as a pile of rubble
- It's a town centre. It has to keep up with the times. And the newer generations using it
- It doesn't hold any significant historic or cultural aspects, and is not fit to serve the community as well as it could.
- It's obsolete, impractical, not susceptible to being adapted, it was unfit for purpose - any purpose - even on the drawing board. Cumbernauld is not a Tuscan hill village, and they don't have concrete pilotis marching along motorways creating yawning voids frequented by pantechinons and not people. It should not be listed, in the interests of not bequeathing a constant burden upon the future.
- This building needs to be demolished and allowed to be redeveloped. This would bring a massive boost to the local economy.
- If you live in Cumbernauld it's visible to a blind man at 50 paces the only list Town Centre should be on is " Keep Out... demolition in progress".
- As previous
- Its an outdated concrete block
- The building is an affront to architecture and the people of Cumbernauld
- As above
- Anyone who wants this building listed should be made to live in it. The only reason for keeping it would be to serve as an example for future generations as to how not to build a Town Centre. It has been the subject of jokes nationwide and the people of Cumbernauld deserve a Town Centre of which they can be proud as this is a lovely setting.
- All the reasons listed above.



- This is the most dismal building, there are no decent facilities/shops, new houses keep getting built but nothing to encourage people to spend money in the community
- It should be demolished. Yes, when it was built, it was a new concept and it was a fantastic place until the CDC sold it to North Lanarkshire Council and thus began the utter demise and absolute neglect of it. Nothing was done, no improvements, no maintenance.
- Absolutely not
- I refer to my earlier answers. Cumbernauld Town Centre fails in several ways. It is an absolute eyesore to look at, and appears to be a mish mash of several 'designs' each which were given a brief to be as ugly as possible in the outside, and uninviting, uncomfortable in the inside. It does nothing to invite investment or consumer spending in the area. Instead it repels people.
- Revitalising Cumbernauld town centre is vital to its future.
- "The retention of the old town centre will be damaging to the well being of Cumbernauld. Who would want to use the old centre, entering for example at the north western side, beside the taxi rank, with low depressing ceilings, lifts out of order, narrow heavy doors, echoing corridors, dark corners and mouldy exteriors. Abandon hope all ye who enter here."
- No that would make a mockery of the listing process. It should be flattened. Twice over and the architects rounded up for crimes against humanity.
- The people I know would like it demolished ASAP !!!!!
- nothing about it should be listed in such a mismatch of structures.
- Most of it has already gone and what is left is an eye sore.
- Too many garish changes/ add-ons to the iconic Structure over the years
- People deserve better.
- There is nothing pleasing about it or worry keeping
- See above
- To list it will mean a status quo and how busy is it at the moment? There is more floor space than there are shops & facilities. It's just not a nice pleasant place to be at all.
- As with all answers there is nothing artistic or of any beauty about the thing concrete grey and depressing
- It was designed and built without any thought of how inefficient it was to operate and maintain and was always a controversial design even in the sixties.
- "It's an eyesore, badly designed, cold, lacks character, not easily accessed, unsafe to be alone at night.
Those that want it to be a heritage site, should be made to live in cumbernauld"
- I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1978. The town centre now does not resemble the town centre of 44 years ago in any way. The bustling and multi use hub of the community has been reduced to a building with no heart. A structure that is run down, segmented and does not in any way fulfil its purpose. It looks nothing like the innovative structure it once was. The people of Cumbernauld deserve once again to have a town centre they can be proud of. We are embarrassed and frustrated by it. Indeed the thought that it might now become a listed building exasperates me. We have waited so long for changes to be made for the better. Listing it means that we will have to continue to go elsewhere to shop. And the community spirit of a bustling centre will



never happen. Just so a relic of the past can stay, a relic that has no positive value to the people that live here. We deserve better.

- Cumbernauld needs a new Town centre, the one we have now is old and in disrepair , the turnaround in shops is not good, also Cumbernauld needs a better verity of shops. its cold and uninviting
- Why attempt to list bad architecture? If will only hold back the development of Cumbernauld. The town has suffered too long.
- Not if it prevents improvement
- As previously stated
- "It's a disaster.
It's ugly.
It's a waste of space.
It's restricting development of anything useful."
- "I think the building is out dated, a blot on the landscape and has no architectural merit. I feel uneasy inside due to the vacant shops, and the layout including stairways etc, plus there is no appeal whatsoever in terms of a shopping experience.
The carbuncle award several years ago summed up Cumbernauld Town centre. The town centre needs investment and regeneration for use by the community and not becoming a historic site for 1960's brutalist architecture."
- It is too large to remain in its present site and it will seriously impact the development of any new modern designs . This will impact on some residents mental health
- Previously explained.
- It's an eyesore; leaks; depressing; outdated facilities; not a place you feel safe in etc.
- Its ugly to look at and horrible inside too. Disjointed.
- It looks horrendous and dangerous and needs to be demolished.
- Cannot believe this is even being considered. Clearly its by people that don't live here.No to listing it.
- Knock it down. Make way for a more vibrant town centre that residents can actually take pride in !
- It is a total eyesore & definitely not fit for purpose. Cumbernauld needs to be allowed to improve & not be held back & neglected. It should have been pulled down 20 odd years ago.
- It has failed due to the lack of upkeep
- It needs to be pulled down and something more modern and useful to the people of this town put up in its place
- I don't believe it should be a listed building as four be in the heart of the town, it represents the town of Cumbernauld or the people and it. As somewhat of a fan of the architecture of Cumbernauld this may be surprising to hear, but I do feel that there is enough brutalist architecture represented in the town for it to represent its history. (As someone that has lived in a flat roof upside down house my whole life)
- For reasons stated above a complete eyesore not a functional building fit for purpose.
- It'll be a shit hole in years to come
- Absolutely not! It's served it's purpose and needs to be removed and replaced with something so much better for the residents of Cumbernauld.
- The community deserves a town centre that is appropriate to the state of centres/high streets nowadays and sustainable to maintain both in cost and state by the owners.



- We need a shopping centre deserving of our council tax
- No definitely not, the whole place needs a revamp it has too many, Charity shops (not that I have anything against charity shops) but there is 6 in the same area. We need to have shops that will attract new clientele and more people from out with the area.
- There are more older and more historic buildings than this shambles. Hartwood Hospital was left to go to disrepair and that is more historic.
- The building is important to Cumbernauld however it's falling apart there's no point in listing a building when it does need replacing piece by piece as much as possible.
- Not appropriate to save , it is not specifically interesting to a significant number of people. It does not have any more historic value than other buildings built in the 60s. To restore and keep it would be economically hard as it needs so much done, and it leaves Cumbernauld in a past that is not going to improve the general wellbeing or economy or environment of the town
- Just because it's old and is of architectural note does not mean it should be physically preserved. It's ageing badly and looking worse as the years go on, it's notorious for being an eyesore which is quite frankly embarrassing! It's also not functional and not serving the people of Cumbernauld as the town exists today. The building should be lauded for what it once represented but we need to move on and think about the Cumbernauld of the future.
- See previous explanations
- Cumbernauld deserves something better than this badly designed maze.
- Having worked in the building in the previous Clydesdale Bank, I can confirm it is a thoroughly depressing and horrendous place to work. The facilities are horrendous, left scared to leave your car in the car park if you have a nice car and always freezing in the winter or roasting in the summer. When raining it is like taking part in an obstacle course with the buckets catching the roof leaks. The place is thoroughly depressing to be in and if it weren't for the staff in my old workplace and the bank's company values, I would have left long time ago as coming to work was a dread due to the environment.
- The first purpose of the town centre is to house retail and office space. The current building is so poorly designed, most of it is lying empty. Meanwhile, the people of Cumbernauld, largest town in the county, have the poorest facilities because the centre is so ugly, it cannot attract any desirable businesses to the area.
- "I think it should be totally wiped from the face of the earth and replaced by something sleek, stylish, welcoming, free from pollution and fit for 21st Century town centre life. Let's have a new town centre that everyone can be proud of. Then you can list the new one.
Cumbernauld needs a fresh start."
- It can't be presented as it should be so I don't see the point of listing.
- The centre needs to be fit for purpose and meet the needs of the people in today's society
- Needs to be gone to make way for new development the kind that will thrive and serve the community
- It is truly the wart of our town
- The building has been neglected. Leaks everywhere. Walking round it is like an obstacle course trying to dodge buckets to catch the water
- Tear it down and Our Lady's High School while you're at it



- Absolutely not
- The building is a failure and should be demolished to provide the local community with a better space that is fit for purpose
- There is nothing attractive about it
- The building has been crumbling for years with no investment from the owners. I don't believe it should be designated as a listed building to preserve it in its current state.
- It's not fit for purpose for the community. That's the important part.
- As per previous comment
- The people of the town's wishes should be listened to, and they deserve a town centre they are proud of. There should be no delay to new build due to the minority view from those that do not live in the town.
- Knock the thing down, it's an eyesore
- No, it's an eyesore for these times. It's beyond repair, looks horrible and outdated
- It's currently a mess which it will be impossible to convert to a useful home for existing and future town centre functions.
- Although this building is of historic interest (I would have thought the Adams house, one of 20 remaining, would be of more interest), it has served the community badly in recent years. I have lived in the town for 48 years and seen a deterioration in the fabric of the building. We need a new vision of a town centre. This one was very much of its time with young families a focus but we are now an aging population and catering for people of limited mobility and a new generation who need housing; the building is not fit for purpose.
- It is a terrible example of brutalised architecture and is not fit for purpose as the hub of the community.
- I grew up in Cumbernauld, have a degree of sentimental attachment as well as a keen interest in the architecture of the era. That said, I can't really conceive of a viable use for it, or a compelling defence of the cost of retention and maintenance in the face of competing pressures, and the unlikelihood of any significant funding from outwith North Lanarkshire.
- Cumbernauld needs a new centre that is fit for purpose and would attract shoppers from the central belt to regenerate the local economy. Also, something that Cumbernauld residents would be proud of.
- At present this building is putting off anyone coming to visit Cumbernauld to shop. Everyone living in Cumbernauld all has to travel to surrounding towns to do their shopping to places like Livingston, Glasgow, Stirling, Braehead etc as our Cumbernauld town centre has no cinema or facilities or attractions for children of all ages. Very poor choices and number of shops and any shops we do have are cut-down versions of larger branches everywhere else, also very limited cafes or restaurants. Overall we are losing shoppers daily and this is depriving Cumbernauld of being a thriving busy welcoming town and this will not improve till this building is removed and a new improved one built.
- It's an eyesore, concrete is never a good look
- Too young
- "I came to live in Kilsyth in 1988, I have always found the building to be a blight on Cumbernauld. The outside of the buildings are pretty shapeless and in my opinion ugly. I can understand why we list buildings that have added to our history and culture but I think that should we start to list such ugly and unappealing buildings such as these we



will be driving away tourists not attracting them. The inside of the buildings is not much better with levels and sub levels which was at least as far as I was concerned very difficult to find your way about

I think that you will have ascertained by now that I would be against such a listing."

- It's NOT fit for purpose
- See comments above.
- Absolutely not. Its an advertisement on how NOT to design a town centre
- Designated listed buildings are generally beautiful with full meaningful history. This building is an eyesore and has been for many years, with no history at all.
- As stated in other comment boxes, Cumbernauld Town Centres had its hay day it's time to go, it's ugly, it's of no use. It needs brought up to date to attract decent shops. There is no department stores, no furniture stores, no good fashion outlets etc.
- Cumbernauld has a bad enough reputation without adding to the list that makes it a laughing stock.
- Is we protect every building we would never have new designs. No one likes how this looks. If people mention it's heritage aspects it's because they are embarrassed by it not proud of it. The younger generation needs something to attract them into using.
- "I have lived here since the 1960s. Both my primary and secondary school have been either demolished or partly demolished and renovated which I find sad but necessary. However I would be delighted to see the dilapidated town centre removed. haven't heard anyone say they like the town centre apart from one lady on the tv who I don't think even lives here as she seems to want to save certain places in England too. She has no right to dictate to the vast majority of people living in this town. No matter whether you are talking to neighbours, people walking their dogs or standing at bus stops, no-one has any connection or anything good to say about the town centre.
- No question the residents of Cumbernauld need to have their voices listened to."
- For reasons already mentioned plus if Cumbernauld is ever going to gain a reputation as somewhere decent to live or go to for pleasure, the current structure has to be removed. It would be a huge disservice to the local community to keep it.
- Please no no no! The people of Cumbernauld deserve better
- "It is not a good example of brutalist architecture because it was never completed and has been modified.
It is a barrier to Cumbernauld thriving today"
- It should be pulled down and a better, brighter, more sustainable centre rebuilt in its place.
- For reasons already explained.
- "This should not be listed as listed would mean it would not be allowed to change. It is far too unsafe and dangerous and must be demolished.
I bet none of the people that want it listed have to walk through it when it is 4pm on a January afternoon and is dark. Would these people want there children or elderly walking through it on their own?"
- It was very poorly designed
- It is of no historical value
- All of what I have said above. The residents of Cumbernauld deserve a modern and functioning town centre. Concrete is depressing and does not wear well psychologically



over time. It would benefit from a greener more sustainable building that is fitting for the 21st century

- It's no longer fit for purpose as a working building.
- Absolutely not. It's time for a much needed change. The building was great in its time but, unfortunately has been badly neglected.
- It has no aesthetic appeal or any national interest. It has to be updated.
- See above
- There would have to be a fortune spent on town centre to keep it. When it rains it's flooded. Place smells of urine. Too many wee quiet places makes it very frightening when walking on your own. In the winter it's freezing .
- It should have been demolished years ago.
- It's does deserve being listed
- See my previous answers.
- The building is a blight on the town and damages the reputation of the area
- It has served its purpose.
- As I've already explained, I don't find the building pleasing to the eye, it looks like a slum area, and desperately needs improving
- Its neither attractive nor practical and has won the Carbuncle Award previously.
- Knock it down. It is a disgusting eyesore, not fit for purpose, that has been and will be a money pit for many years to come
- It's not a well-loved building and there are too many run-down areas which have suffered, either from a lack of maintenance or issues with the original build such that large sums would be needed to rectify the problems, money which might be better spent on a new centre.
- It's an disgusting building which should never have been built and is embarrassing
- It is lost in time and no longer fit for purpose. It needs to be demolished to enable Cumbernauld to make it into the 21st century and move with the times.
- For all of the reasons given above the building should not be designated as a listed building. It has been a total failure in every element that matters in a town centre since the mid 1970s, in terms of: architectural design coherence over decades; the poor quality of buildings and materials (brutalist concrete) followed by a mess of successive building styles and building materials that make it a shambles of a centre; the failure to ensure safe and easy access to the buildings at night; failure to provide decent access to the centre by public transport due to the poor design of bus stops at ground level that require the use of very long and lonely uphill walkways which feel unsafe at night; the failure to maintain the building properly so that lifts are often out of order and some parts of the building leak when it rains; the centre owners have failed to attract quality shops that people want, forcing them to shop away from the Cumbernauld town centre and travel into Glasgow or other towns instead. The town centre has therefore not been worthy of the people of Cumbernauld. It should never have been suggested for designation as a listed building. In fact it should be demolished as quickly as possible to allow new 21st century designs and facilities to be developed and built that will be more able to meet local people's needs and aspirations in ways that the current town centre has never done, especially since the mid 1970s.
- The centre needs rejuvenated and brought into a meaningful shape for the local community to be proud of



- For reasons previously noted
- It should be taken down completely
- It was one mans dream and 60,000 peoples nightmare.
- As in all previous boxes , same theme - it's an appalling, badly designed mess , a disgrace
- Again like it or not the original building is very important to the recent social and economic history of Scotland
- Must be saved for the future.
- The style and design are important to architectural progress in scotland
- It was a 'first' and is utterly unique - despite many misgivings over the years!
- Was designed and planned by the revered architect Geoffrey Copcutt. It was a stunning building of grand designs. Truly one of a kind that if it's demolished will never be seen again. Small minded people don't see the importance of it cause it doesn't have H&M or M&S in it. But that realistically is due to bad management not the building itself.
- It's unique
- "It is important to list and recognise important buildings of the 20th century. By listing the structure, we can recognise it's importance and make it work as part of redeveloped town centre."
- "It needs protecting from demolition from corporate investors who wish to make profit from the land it sits on. Additionally, the Tryst swimming pool should be part of this consideration.
In fact, if it was regenerated back to its original design it could be used generate income through tourism.
Additional it is a key iconic part of my childhood, and growing up a New Town kid."
- It's a national treasure.
- "As stated earlier, I believe it be the finest example of a mega-structure in Scotland and I'm not aware of a better example in the UK, albeit I'm not an expert. It is the essence of Cumbernauld without which Cumbernauld would simply be the same as other New Towns- remarkably unremarkable.
It is not a 'thing of beauty' although it does possess some sculptural value/beauty and is a piece of architecture which is severely lacking in Cumbernauld New Town outwith a couple of churches and the magnificent College Building."
- The original Town Centre should be retained and the add on parts removed, stripping back and up grading would return the use as was intended at design stage.
- Where else can you find a 'city' in the sky
- Too few 20th century architectural built works get the protection & focus that they deserve. Not least a complete town megastructure. The protection that listed status would give would allow for more careful consideration to any future alterations & adaptations. Whilst a clear economic road map for the megaform is required, listed status implies the significance that the design intent & execution holds to the culture of Scotland in the 20th century.
- one of a kind essential to cumbernaulds identity
- It is one of the few remaining public structures from the creation of the town and reflects on the ideals that were at the heart of the towns creation.
- For reasons listed above.
- Not many left , will work if left.
- Yes, but it could be improved internally



- We need something more up to date for people to enjoy it must put other shops joining the town centre due to how it looks
- I grew up in Cumbernauld and visiting the town centre every other day. It has always had water coming through the ceilings with signature buckets up and down the centre. It is time to knock it down and build a better, more sustainable centre for Cumbernauld
- "Dear lord no!
Tear it down. It's already been ruined by decades of modifications and neglect."
- Should be knocked down. We should have a place to shop that actually looks welcoming
- It was built for the times of a "new town" it is now Outdated and needs brought down and renovated into something new. It is no longer fit for purpose with the size of Cumbernauld now compared to when it was built.
- Tear it down and build something fit for today.
- Please see all my points above. Cumbernauld could really benefit from this building being destroyed and something far more visually appealing and fit for purpose put in its place
- There are no redeeming features to the building whatsoever.
- It's imperative to the future of the town that the Town Centre isn't listed and can be completely renovated with something more environmentally friendly and appropriate.
- "I would like to see it preserved digitally as the building is no longer suitable for use by the community. I love the building, grew up in the town and have many fond memories of what it used to be. It is now a shadow of its former self, hard to navigate, sadly under used and poorly maintained. many portions of it leak with even slight rain resulting in slippery floors hampering access for people with any limitations of mobility.
If this question was asked 20 years ago, my answer would have been different. As it stands the building is no longer a sustainable asset for the community. I do think it should exist in some form for architecture / history students to study in future, but I don't see any reason it has to exist as a physical structure for that to happen. This makes me sad, but removal of the centre could benefit the town and Scotland significantly"
- "Absolutely NOT! I cannot stress how strongly I feel about this. For the first time we have both the means and will to actually cohesively address the issues of our town centre in the proposals from NLC and it seems that one person may be able to ride roughshod over these by this application.
We need a space that is safe, that can accommodate the needs of a modern town, with civic space for gathering, amenities, cultural and leisure space. If this building becomes listed we will not get any of that and will be left looking at the monstrosity for years to come as it gradually falls to pieces around us. Please do not do that to our town. The pandemic has shown us to have so many strengths, in our kindness and community spirit, our innovation and drive to be better. We deserve this chance and listing will take that away!"
- For all the reasons I have stated above, I don't think the building is worthy of listing and is potentially now standing in the way of developing the town centre into a functional facility for the benefit of all the residents of Cumbernauld.
- Listing this building would be prohibitive to proper community space development and commercial & retail growth for the people of Cumbernauld. It has only been suggested for listing as a reaction to a proposal to demolish it, which actually goes against HES's own guidelines (page 2 of your online guide).



- It should be torn down and started again from scratch. The amount of 'new town centres' popping up now are a marked improvement.
- As previously stated - its horrendous and holds no significant value to residents.
- It's an eyesore and reminded of very poor brutalist design
- "It is delapidated, unattractive, difficult to move around and some parts very isolated and potentially dangerous especially to women on their own.
A modern centre fit for 21 st century is needed."
- It is single-handedly the worst thing in Cumbernauld.
It's only 50 years old. Was outdated about 5/10 years after it was built and can't attract any decent businesses to come and stay. If most residents avoid the place and Cumbernauld is a town for residents then why would you keep an unusable leaking building to satisfy that of those who can't accept change?
- "I along with thousands of others live and work here in Cumbernauld and wish to have a town centre to be proud of, not something that's an embarrassment, looks ugly, and the only thing people remember - a carbuncle, as the prize we've won several times.
I'm concerned that a decision on this will be made by people who don't reside here, that's wrong"
- I think this is not a sensible idea. The people deserve a new, structurally sound , well laid out Shopping Centre.
- For all the reasons I have stated. Its past its time, its not timeless or beautiful or offers anything to enrich the community. There's absolutely no character to the building
- Knock it down and give us something better for a bigger expanding Cumbernauld
- Many of the problems of Cumbernauld Town Centre stem from the way it was constructed, listing it would prevent some of it's problems being fixed using building techniques that are known to work, leaving the Town Centre in maintenance limbo where part of it will continue to fail because it can only be repaired using flawed construction techniques at a prohibitive cost in the long term.
- It is a dysfunctional space that should be demolished and redevoped to provide the facilities that Cumbernauld needs
- Total eyesore!
- "The structure is an eyesore and a constant reminder that the town centre was and is a failure. People should take priority and a new regenerated centre is needed to serve the community.
This is not an out of the way building that can be avoided, it is the major feature in the town that has a massive impact on day to day life for all residents.
Listing this structure would condemn Cumbernauld town centre to forever being a slum.
Cumbernauld residents must have the final say on what the community needs"
- Shouldn't have to explain not git for any purpose
- Why? A listed building is something to be admired and looked after. The cumbernauld town centre is not in that category.
- Have you seen it, go and look at it, of course it shouldn't.
- See previous comment
- As a practical structure for the town it is a failure. It is crumbling, leaking and is of questionable environment suitability in the modern world. It is time for it to make way for something that the town can be proud of and serve its needs.



- It is falling apart. It's an embarrassment to the town and is no longer fit for the 21st century.
- This building fails in form & function and listing will only ensure enduring obsolescence and decay.
- Absolutely not. Genuinely cannot believe this is even being debated. The whole place is an eyesore.
- "Its not that significant a building now
It may have been many years ago.
I don't think it deserves to be designated as a listed building.
The majority of local people never stop talking about demolishing it.
It leaks water, its poorly maintained ."
"I have clearly stated my reasoning above, but fundamentally an attractive and vibrant town centre is crucial to the social and economic development of any town. The existing Town Centre buildings fail in every respect to meet these requirements.
Listing the Town Centre would blight Cumbernauld for generations to come."
- "As stated its not fit for current living/ lifestyles and is not designed well.
From a listed building perspective its not architecturally pleasing and would be better replaced"
- Already explained in previous comments.
- It doesn't meet the criteria
- i think it should be flattened
- It is a eyesore, and nothing attractive about it ,it should be replaced by a modern building
- It's an eyesore and will prevent our town having a centre to be proud of
- Simply no.
- It needs to go. It has to become something modern and fit for purpose
- I don't feel the building warrants listing for all the reasons I have mentioned above.
There is little remaining of the original, and it needs to fundamentally be a functioning town centre. Listing would prohibit development or improvement.
- As above, best laid to rest, not well regarded, not useful and an embarrassing centre to the town
- As I said its not a nice looking building to still be standing if you did it up possibly but I don't see that happening
- Cumbernauld people deserve better
- To my mind, Listed Buildings are things of beauty and architectural style, I do not believe this building meets that criteria.
- It's a total eyesore and a drain on local resources.
- It's not fit for purpose and is out of date. For the people who actually LIVE and work in the area, it's an embarrassment given the facilities in other town centres and a hindrance to progress. It's hardly 'historical'. Check out the village, there's plenty of older buildings there. List those!
- The building, if listed, would not be adapted, left to rot, and listing it serves no benefit
- I don't find it a pleasant experience visiting cumbernauld. As someone who just recently moved to the area I have never felt a sense of a community hub/centre. It is an intimidating and uninviting mass of concrete which is difficult to find your way around.



- This town centre is a blight on the town. It acts as a ball and chain dragging the town and keeping it as a joke rather than what it needs to be a functioning, welcoming heart of a community
- "The building itself is already in a dangerous state of disrepair and neglect. It was originally designed primarily as a shopping centre but is under utilised as such. The best thing to do is to raze it and build a new purpose designed shopping centre/ town hub."
- Absolutely not. Too many mistakes were made in the Planning of the Town Centre. North Lanarkshire Council should embrace the opportunity to redevelop the Town Centre. The loss of the Tax office is a body [REDACTED] for the town. Redevelopment would be the opportunity for the Council to improve the community. Retention of the Town Centre will only lead to a lowering of community spirit which will lead to more vandalism and public disorder.
- It needs to go before it poses a risk to public safety in later years
- Genuinely believe if cumbernauld want to escape the negative connotations it's gathered over the years regarding the town centre building then they would need to start from scratch. Keeping it as a listed building would just allow it to sit there and burden local residents with more shame.
- it is a terrible looking building and to designate it a listed building would stop it from being demolished - which is what should happen
- The building is an eyesore and a blight on the Cumbernauld landscape. It is also no longer fit for purpose and should be replaced by something more befitting the local population.
- The building is the only shopping centre in Cumbernauld and as such should be a place where people look forward to visiting. It was once a great place but it has been demolished in parts and left to deteriorate in others. There is no heating, the roof leaks in multiple places, the birds get trapped inside, the gym shakes the building and the lifts constantly break down and the rents are so dear shops come and go.
- "A large part of the original town centre has already been demolished in the late 1990s and early 2000s.
Half of it fell down and then remained a blot on the landscape for years.
The poor quality of the town centre, the dangerous environment it creates impacts and is shameful to many people in Cumbernauld.
There are Roman artifacts found nearby on the Antonine wall in Glasgow University museum that are in better shape than Cumbernauld town centre."
- The building is not used or maintained properly. If money is there, knock it down and start again. Although I do worry about what eyesore will take its place.
- It's time to move on and modernise and not throw money at something that's no longer fit for purpose
- Get that thing knocked down and start again.
- Aesthetic and social considerations should outweigh architectural or academic interest.
- I think the building should be demolished without delay for the reasons stated previously. It is ugly, does not function harmoniously as a retail and/or commercial space and is widely despised by the local and wider community. Cumbernauld would benefit enormously if it were replaced by a modern property designed aesthetically and functionally for the 21st Century. Apart from the Town Centre, Cumbernauld is a very pleasant place to live.



- Why? There are enough embarrassing parts of Scotland without adding this to the list
 - Absolutely not. Knock it down and build a new centre of town fit for purpose that residents will use
 - As per all my comments above.
 - Having lived in a listed building while in Berkshire, in a town full of listed buildings, there is nothing comparable about the town centre to them.
 - "It is a sight for sore eyes.
The people of Cumbernauld deserve better, a new modern centre like other towns."
 - It's a dump and needs to be ripped down and started again
 - As mentioned above.
 - Let it go.. It has served its purpose and the time has come for something that will meet the needs of the current townspeople and future generations.
 - "For reasons already stated . It is an eyesore , a rabbit warren and mostly closed after 6pm .
Arriving from Glasgow by bus in the evening the lifts are off and you have to climb stairs smelling of urine to get through it .
No thought for anyone with mobility issues ."
 - No longer fit for purpose, many areas not in use. Any new structure would be more environmentally friendly
 - The building should be demolished
 - Absolutely not. Its an interesting building, but time moves on and its time to build something that makes a difference to normal people.
 - Just no
 - "Absolutely not! The building is falling apart and is not fit for purpose.
The people of cumbernauld deserve a town centre that is fit for purpose and drives community spirit and social engagement."
 - It would make me sad to know that this structure is here to stay. Its really awful and is a joke among Scottish people.
 - Not a chance. It should be used as an example to architects on how not to build a shopping centre.
 - Worst architectural building in the UK - bulldoze
 - Just read my previous comments. I've always thought this building had absolutely no architectural significance or appeal. It's a monster and unsightly.
 - The megastructure is a barrier to redeveloping the town centre for the benefit of residents and others in the region. Its only value is that of a folly.
 - I don't think the building is nice enough to preserve. I can see the original part was innovative when new but can't imagine future generations getting much from it.
 - Absolutely not as no one will want (or have the money for) the upkeep and it will forever deteriorate. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better than being saddled with this eyesore because of people who do not live here think they know best. It is not architecturally or culturally relevant.
 - Strong disagree.
- [REDACTED]
- This can't be serious, someone has submitted this request as a bad joke I fear.
 - It would be a complete disgrace to the people of Cumbernauld if this building was listed. It's disgusting, unsafe at times and a complete eyesore to the town. It is not fit for



purpose and the people of Cumbernauld are worth more than being stuck with this absolute abomination of a building ruining our social lives and ability to enjoy much needed community space.

- How many times..its an eyesore .It reminds you of an industrial site and does not represent the people who live in Cumbernauld .
- "Listed buildings should be if note. Pros and cons for the town centre:
Pros : central location with good free parking.
Cons: dreadful design and construction. Not user friendly. Poorly maintained."
- It needs pulled down
- It would deny us local a replacement town centre that actually provides amenities that could be used rather than be left with an eyesore of a building that sits half empty.
- I think it should be removed and a new one built, Cumbernauld was a town for the future and that structure shows the town is stuck in the past.
- It's a disgrace of a building
- I do not think there would be any interest in visiting the structure as a listed building except maybe from students of architecture. As a listed building, there would be planning implications for further developments in the future.
- Absolutely not. I am a member of the NTS and love visiting historic properties in all states of repair. However, this town centre is a millstone around the neck of everyone living in Cumbernauld. It is not fit for purpose. It is cracked, leaking, broken. It smells of damp. Why should the people who actually live and work in Cumbernauld have to live with this day-to-day for the sake of a small number of people with very niche interests? The library, for example, should be easily accessible and appealing to use - if you have ever ventured to the top floor to visit the current library that would answer your question.
- It's a mess and as Prince Charles would say a carbuncle on the landscape
- All of the reasons I've listed in previous answers
- It's a total eye sore on the surrounding area
- The building no longer contributes positively to the town of Cumbernauld and is an unpleasant and unsafe environment to be in. I worked in Cumbernauld town centre for over 10 years and visited the building several times a week for lunch activities and shopping. Despite my familiarity with the building it still at times felt very unsafe (especially at the town centre bus stops and the ramps up to the library) and at all times it felt difficult to get around as a pedestrian - to get to the other side of the road you have to go through dark passages, up steep ramps, through one building and back down ramps and/or escalators to get to the other side. A off putting experience for a regular customer and must be enough for visitors to think they'd never come back again. The remaining parts of the building are now so compromised that they cannot be positively refurbished to create a more positive experience, which (as has been demonstrated by years of private ownership), the private sector are not willing to invest in. The public sector also do not have the money to invest in and transform the structure. It therefore has no positive future as a building at the heart of its community, and I fear that listing of the structure would have a negative impact on prospects for creating a more pedestrian friendly town centre with a sense of place, that Cumbernauld so badly needs.
- It is a town centre for the benefit of the community and it falls far short of what should be expected, it is an embarrassment not fit for purpose



- The fact that it is a good example of a particular form should not allow it to be a blight to the centre of Cumbernauld.
- "See above. The areas which were apartments, hotel, etc are an eyesore."
- Absolutely not. It is not special in any way other than being an ugly mistake.
- The existing pictures included with this survey show the Pent houses which have not been successful and disconnected structures beneath finished in grey cement or red brick. The whole picture has an unfinished appearance.
- It needs taken down, the tax payers in the town deserve proper facilities
- It is an eyesore and embarrassment. The structure should be changed to move with the times.
- An ugly building that does not make best use of the space.
- We need a proper functioning town centre, which is easy to use, and which provides everyday shops together with social spaces and an easy to access library. Currently there are far too many dark and dingy spaces. Designating the town centre as a listed building would address none of these.
- Needs demolished and replaced with something more modern.
- See all my previous comments.
- The people of the town don't want it.
- Absolutely not. To list it would be an insult to buildings genuinely deserving of the label. To consider listing it is an insult to our intelligence.
- It needs knocked down and something modern put in its place
- It is the ugliest thing and will always spoil the town
- It looks like an abandoned Nuclear Power Station: it is truly horrible.
- It was built in an era when shopping centre was king. This was it's primary purpose. The architecture was a secondary element. Consumers have conveniently now decided that online is where much of our shopping is done. Time to call it a day and return it to dust and use the space to set Cumbernauld up for the next 50 years.
- We need a new shopping centre that functions properly
- Absolutely not for details given above
- I have already answered this
- It's a concrete eyesore. Some of the old buildings in the villages should be listed. Cumbernauld village school should have been but the powers that be let it rot
- It is an eyesore and been voted the carbuncle of Scotland on several occasions. The people who live here should decide the fate of the town centre.
- It has shown it has become unfit for purpose in the current climate. It would continually require alterations. If not being used as required it will become a big empty shell. This however is the same for many town centres.
- Absolutely not - how dare outsiders come in thinking they have a right to prevent residents of Cumbernauld benefiting from a new social hub and shopping facility
- Listed buildings should be beautiful
- As explained above it no longer works as a centre.
- It needs to go as the residents of Cumbernauld deserve a modern attractive town centre designed to meet the needs of people in the 21st century
- It's an eyesore
- I'm afraid it is an eyesore now and is not fit for purpose



- we need it pulled down and a new modern structure put in place that would serve everyone's needs the town centre is not fit for purpose anymore and looking at it from the outside is an eyesore
- Listing will only add restrictions and limitations on future redevelopment while providing no real benefit to anyone. There is a perfectly good documentary record available for those who have a purely architectural or historical interest "in the toonie". For those who have lived with, and worked in, the Town Centre it's time for its long, slow, depressing decline to be brought to an end.
- This building is depressing for Cumbernauld residents to visit. It is not fit for purpose with much of it unused and difficult to access due to lifts which are unreliable or long ramps which are isolated. I do appreciate the concept of Brutalist architecture but I wonder if its advocates would actually wish to live here. I think the views of residents should be the main consideration in this matter. We deserve to have a centre to include outdoor space and to improve the health and well-being of all residents. It would encourage visitors to have a more positive view of our town and make us proud to say we come from Cumbernauld!
- For all the reasons above
- Could this site be easily rebuilt, yes. There is nothing about this that needs saving. By all means record images and information about what it was and why but don't hold back a community from getting a space that can be used and is more fit for purpose.
- Demolition is required
- It's an eyesore and must put people off visiting given the state of disrepair the town centre is in and has been for years.
- It is an iconic building but it has been neglected too long, parts knocked down, making the rest of it illogical. It's cold. Pigeons die trapped. People are frightened to walk around at night. Disabled shoppers are trapped because the doors are too heavy and the lifts break down constantly. Leaks are a constant. The building does NOT service the people it was built to benefit. It's time to get rid of it.
- Should be flattened and start again
- The building is in a state of disrepair and concrete rot that cannot be fixed the space internally is unsafe and as a user of the shops and library it's a dangerous place to walk as a woman on my own. The design does not enable a safe by design solution without removing the small cramped corridors that are intrinsic to the design and therefore would remove the very thing some want saved. The bus station is dangerous and the building acts as a wind tunnel so some areas cannot be walked through on windier days. I like so many spend our money in Falkirk and Glasgow rather than shop here because it's so bad. The people of Cumbernauld have been campaigning for a new town centre that meets the needs of the people and provides a safe by design answer to shopping and access to council services which this building will never be able to meet. It's an eyesore and while a partial example to brutalist architecture, Cumbernauld is not a museum and we need and deserve better.
- "The building is now mostly full of empty retail units and duplicate shops which we have in other parts of the town (home bargains for example). If the building were to be listed, it would not improve the area surrounding it. As a result of the ongoing cost of living crisis and following on from the covid pandemic, the buildings retail offerings have significantly weakened and in my view will only get worse as a result of the ongoing crisis.



If there's an opportunity for significant investment in Cumbernauld by NLC, I would welcome this and if that means demolition of this building, which in my view the people of Cumbernauld do not care about, so be it.

I suspect that most of the interest in this building, as I've seen on various media articles, comes from educational institutions and architectural experts who class the building as important, the people of Cumbernauld don't see it the same way in my view and to be honest would be indifferent as to whether the building was listed or not."

- The architecture is very poor, it is of no importance historically and the people of Cumbernauld want to see it demolished and totally redeveloped. We have the opportunity to redevelop the area for the benefit of the community
- I think it should be demolished and a more suitable town centre suited for modern living should replace it.
- As above.
- It won't last due to it being built with cheap materials
- Absolutely not!!! Listing this building will destroy any plans for the desperately needed regeneration of this town. There is no way to both preserve/list this building and meet the needs of the people Cumbernauld who should be at the forefront of peoples minds who are making these decisions.
- "The building is undoubtedly important for what it was, its vision and purpose etc. For people like myself growing up in cumbernauld in the 70s/80s, it was a place of wonder and exploration but more importantly a place of function and genuine value. For people growing up in the 90s and beyond, as bits of it fell off, or were demolished, bits were blocked off and as good retailers moved out that became less so. Cumbernauld needs a central area to inspire wonder and excitement in the kids growing up now but it also needs to be of value and utility. The current centre does not provide that and it should not be listed/preserved to satisfy my, and those like me, nostalgia or for academic/art considerations."
- A functional and attractive development is required, which meets the needs of the community.
- "Not as it is at present. The building has been extremely poorly maintained and has been added to and changed over the decades since it was built. The building as it is today is not the building of the vision.
It was mentioned that the site is visited as part of this process but I wonder if Level 3, the library level, was visited on a rainy day when it is extremely difficult to walk along because of the number of buckets and assorted plastic containers needed to catch rainwater.
If considerable work was done on the maintenance of the fabric of the building, the renovation of lifts (to all levels) and escalator (particularly to Level 2 from car park) then I would support its listing."
- It should only listed for demolition
- An outdated and archaic building that has prevented progress within the area. The Town Centre needs extensive modernisation.
- Parts of it have already been demolished in a lame attempt to improve facilities
- The building has literally split the town centre. It has added nothing to the social and economic life of Cumbernauld. It was a symbol of brutalism imposed on the people and wider community.



- Then there would be little hope of improvement other than the mini stuff we've experienced so far
- Honestly, it's an eyesore that stops folk going as it's depressing to visit
- The building has no merit - its design failed in its primary objective, to be Town Centre.
- Whilst I think the town centre has some social and architectural merit, it no longer meets the needs of the local population. In addition, it has suffered from lack of/poor maintenance and has been extensively modified since completion of the original building in the 1960's. Listing the building would only serve to hinder the resident population in their quest to have a centre which better matches the needs of today.
- Cumbernauld needs a better option
- It has to be started again. It was never maintained and used as it was designed. Something more easily maintained is needed that the public can actually utilise.
- For the people who live and work in the area the town centre has always been a place of disappointment. Not only is the building an eye sore and underdeveloped but the shops and things inside are not useful for people. If people can they will much happier head to other towns or into Glasgow to get what they need
- Why? It serves no purpose. It remains a 3 quarter empty decaying shell.
- As a resident, I want it gone. I want a venue that will strengthen our community, be a place we are proud of.
- As I have already stated , our Town Centre is a joke the multilevelled main structure is beyond redemption.
- Surely I've made my views quite plain in my previous answers
- Needs raised to the ground its an eyesore and most of the top floors are empty as it was just badly designed in the first place .
- "Having live and worked in Cumbernauld all My life I know a fair share of residents and Everyone I know from Cumbernauld has nothing positive to say about the megastructure. Please listen to the people that have to use the place."
- As above
- It's a fantastic example of the brutalist style. Too many buildings of this genre are being lost
- Yes, but not all of it. Elements of it that can be re-purposed/ incorporated to a new and revamped town space, with a clear focal point for the town, must be the priority rather than preserving the whole building. Use this opportunity to incorporate a museum to the space to help preserve images/artifacts, as required.
- I don't understand what listing is for if you don't list the Town Centre.
- Housing and Business in the complex was always separated.
- It should be protected as a unique example of Scottish architecture and urban development
- "Due to its significant original iconic design of course.
Clear out the 80' , 90's and later mishmash of styles and fittings and retain and then build on it's strengths and representations of the 60's and 70's.
It should be a place that others can visit and feel impressed by the visual and atmospheric representation of gone-by decades.
In 50 yrs time what buildings are people going to be able to visit that reflect the past architecture and art of those two decades? And it's a functioning town centre still, to



boot! Not an art gallery but a sort of living museum in the form of a functioning town hub!"

- It deserves its numerous carbuncle awards
- Out with the old on with the new
- The town centre has to move on with the times. The place is cold dark and unimaginative! Let's move on and create something the town can be proud of.
- See previous answers. I'm ashamed of the shambles that the town centre has become.
- That would stop development, the area is already drab and dreary and needs investment and jobs. Listing this building will stifle investment and employment and serves no purpose outwith punishing the local people for living here.
- "Building poses no benefit to Cumbernauld, it is an eyesore which at present is not fit for purpose to the local area. Large sections of building are unused & no longer suitable for use.

Plans are in place to renovate the centre to benefit the local community & economy. If the town centre becomes a historic building no renovations will be made & building will continue to be of no use."

- It's an eyesore and should be redesigned to fit in with the 21st Century and new concepts.
- I've already answered
- Ot is falling apart. Outside is an eyesore. Should be demolished
- Absolutely not!
- Absolutely not. The building is an eyesore and an embarrassment to Cumbernauld
- "It should have been ripped down years ago.
Shame it can't be burned down due to the asbestos"
- It is fundamentally a concrete box that is falling down. The roof leaks everywhere. Very few if any inner original features.
- "It's disgusting, dark, damp, dingy, dangerous, and is a concrete and steel wasteland. Need I say more."
- Eyesore makes the town a joke
- "Even though I have put no, I would prefer that the town centre would be protected and reimagined as opposed to being knocked down and replaced with whatever north Lanarkshire council have in mind. My fear is that after being knocked down the council will just try build something like Glasgow Fort and in 20 years time we'll all be crying out for that to be knocked down. The town centre if properly reimagined could be something of a tourist attraction and we should be focusing on bringing people to the town with unique areas.
I dont agree with having the building listed as the town centre cannot survive and will just become more dilapidated over the years. The town centre is poorly maintained as it is, listing will make this worse as it will kill off any momentum to bring changes to the area."
- It is not fit for purpose for those who live here. Do not patronise us. It dyed not work. Get rid of it. Demolish it. Please.
- It needs [REDACTED]. I live in a posh house and it's across the motorway and about 3 miles away from my house and it's [REDACTED] my resale value and view. Can only see a tiny bit of it, but I know it's there.



- It's not an area I am interested in at present it needs to be renewed to make the area more aesthetically pleasing.
 - Who will maintain it? Lennox Castle is a category A listed building and it is crumbling. It is not maintained or looked after - what is the point of listing buildings with no obligation upon the owners to maintain and upkeep them? By listing the town centre, you would in my opinion be doing the people of Cumbernauld a huge disservice and potentially depriving them of the chance of a user friendly functioning pleasant building for shopping leisure and other activities.
 - "I can only reiterate what I've already said
 - It's not a good example of 60's design
 - It very unpleasant to be in
 - Poorly designed and maintained
 - Just the look of it puts me off stopping in Cumbernauld
 - A misuse of the consent of listed buildings
 - it will actually stop Cumbernauld improving"
 - There are some buildings worthy of this status. There is, however, no way in hell that Cumbernauld Town Centre should ever be considered.
 - ABSOLUTELY NOT!
 - Sympathetic development should be used. Maintain the purpose and some more interesting areas but not slavishly
 - "Seriously?
Knock it down and start again, look at the facilities in East Kilbride, a reasonable comparison, people who go visit their shopping centre, as it's facilities are way better.
 - The Town Centre in Cumbernauld allows people to stigmatise it."
 - I have been a resident of Cumbernauld my entire life and I've worked in the building. I believe it was the heart of Cumbernauld in the beginning and remember it as such. However, years of neglect, underinvestment and added on 'chunks' which were not in keeping with the original design have caused it to be ugly, unsafe to use in parts, damp, dangerous and soulless. Buildings should be used to bring communities together but this is like a gaping wound in the town. I feel unsafe in certain parts of it and I always remember parts of the roof leaking even when it was first built. Please don't list it, record make models of it, take photos but it needs to go.
 - The building is not fit for purpose and is an eye sore.
 - Cumbernauld needs to move on, the town centre is an albatross round its neck for cultural, social and economic regeneration
 - The centre is too big, disliked and in a state of disrepair. It cannot, and should not, remain standing. Demolition offers hope for the town.
 - It's an eyesore and does not serve the community properly
 - It is an eyesore and awful
 - It is an eyesore and the people of Cumbernauld deserve better for now and for the future. It makes the town a laughing stock
 - "The building being listed serves no purpose unless
 - it is making a contribution to the town
 - it's of benefit to the people and has relevance to the life of the Town.
- It's only worth listing if it becomes a model of how buildings can be adapted and remain relevant to the population it serves.



The building has been neglected for years and has harmed rather than enhanced the Town."

- I do not think that it should be protected or that developers should be unable to demolish it to make way for a new centre.
- As mentioned before, it's design is no longer practical in the modern day, it lacks light and decent space. The building is an eyesore and an embarrassment to people that live here.
- It is disgusting. Please remove it asap.
- It would be a devastating decision for the future of Cumbernauld town centre in order to ensure its success for a range of future uses and this building would be of no value.
- It is an eyesore. It needs pulled down and replaced with a modern building
- I fail to understand why anyone believes it should be listed. They can pose their reasons, but on the whole, most of the reasons ignore the people of this town and their desires. Cumbernauld has the potential to be a wonderful place, especially due to its perfect positioning in the central belt. But the eye sore the center has created, only discourages people to want to live here and stay here (especially young people). To be abrupt, to list this building would be an insult to the people of Cumbernauld and severely dampen the future of this town. We need progress, and it begins with starting anew.
- It is a constraint to improving the facilities the town needs nowadays. It no longer serves the purpose it was intended for, so take lots of pictures then build something appropriate and of appropriate quality and flexibility for the next 40plus years.
- "This building should have been knocked down years ago.
It's a dying state of a town and is taking Cumbernauld down with it"
- It's a mess and eyesore and doesn't work now
- Nothing relevant to save.
- I believe the request for designation as a listed building was an act of mischief in reaction to North Lanarkshire's proposal to buy the Town Centre and demolish it so that a new town centre can be built. I do not believe the buildings meet the criteria for listing.
- The property has no architectural or historic merit and is a blight on Cumbernauld
- While it has architectural and historic significance, the building is in a state of disrepair and isn't safe to be open to the public. The building can be researched through history books, photographs and even video footage. There is no reason to list this building or even keep it in Cumbernauld. The town needs a dramatic overhaul and this building plays no part in the future of Cumbernauld
- It is an eyesore.
- Whilst it was of it's time, it's time is no more. Listing this building will add no value to the town of today.
- As above
- Absolutely not. It should be torn down and replaced with something that the town needs and deserves. This proposal is farcical as far as I can see.
- Although, the centre does have some interesting features, these are insufficient reason to prevent the renewal and regeneration of the area which would be significantly hampered by the need to preserve and protect a structure long past its sell by date.
- We, the people who live in Cumbernauld, need to be able to live with a town centre that reflects the era we are in. Somewhere we can be proud of and not ashamed of.



- It has no merit whatsoever. Architectural or otherwise.
- I have answered this in previous questions.
- Listing would be a negative step as it would interfere with the proposed new development. The new development aspires to improve the appearance of the town centre as well as provide improvements in respect of businesses, resources and facilities to meet the present-day needs of all those who use it. This would be a positive step in enhancing the social and economic provision in the area and would encourage more visitors to the town and greatly enhance the lives of its residents.
- Absolutely not - why was this not considered years ago. State of disrepair and nothing to attract visitors to our town
- It's an eyesore, outdated, run down and from a former time that's not worth preserving. Something better could take its place for better purpose.
- No this building needs demolished and rebuild to make it fit for purpose and allow Cumbernauld to grow. This will also increase jobs and therefore benefit the residents of Cumbernauld
- I don't think there is anything special or historical about the building. It is an eye sore and we must move with the times
- This building is a disaster and should be demolished ASAP
- No no no definitely not we need a new place to be proud of
- If this is what would be regarded as a listed building then god help Scotland
- It's a ugly building nothing nice about this .
- If it is not fit for purpose again rip it down and start again this should be standard no reason to keep a building not useful
- Why would you list the worst thing about a town, it's absolute madness that this is even a question
- Who would want to come and view this
- I want to see the area redeveloped and tweak some parts of the old with new
- It needs ripped down and rebuilt
- It is an awful building which is not fit for purpose in this day and age.
- As above, nothing significant with this building.
- Brutal and ugly
- It's awful
- No. Its the centre of the highest populated town in scotland. If you make it a listed building you will be holding cumbernauld back for ever. Cumbernauld is well over due a revamp
- It's a hideous eyesore, pull it down.
- It is an old building with too many repairs needing done and is also a very unattractive building.
- See earlier comments
- I'm sure ,like myself, many residents have no interest in town centre being a listed building and making any changes to where they live difficult
- Do not see need to preserve- not stood the test of time.
- It was an idea that went wrong.
- The building gives no purpose to the local residents and the space could be used to benefit people in the local community rather than act as a hideous eye sore.



- I have several friends in the Cumbernauld area, and the building is strongly disliked by all!
- It is a mistake that Scotland should acknowledge and remove from public use. Just because the town centre was a disaster in design some 50 /60 years ago - that is no reason to perpetuate the social and cultural harm that this appalling structure has inflicted on the residents of Cumbernauld.
- It's a mistake that needs to go and something better put in its place.
- Its a complete mess inside and out and needs to be re-built. Its an embarrassment to Cumbernauld residents.
- It's had its day. Now it's time for the area to serve the community better.
- I think the damage has been done. It would cost too much to make it fit for purpose
- Because it badly needs modernising and listing might halt development. If there was a suitable area for development elsewhere then perhaps some of the megastructure could be retained as is as some kind of historical feature.
- A town centre has to be functional and fit for purpose, the original design was experimental and has never worked, within 5 years the design had to be modified and then within ten years of opening the megastructure was abandoned in favour of ground floor access. It is a failed experiment and too large to be an unoccupied edifice which will deteriorate over time. Unlike St Peters which is set within a bucolic landscape the megastructure dominates the town centre and its retention through listing will compound the mistakes of the design and celebrate failure, when the community are looking for new investment and designs which chime with best practice and are accessible and welcoming, which can not be said of the original megastructure.
- See my previous comments.
- The desire to maintain a built history of architectural styles is heavily outweighed by the need to use this site to provide 21st century leisure and retail facilities. Furthermore, the brutalist nature of the building, in my opinion, leads to depression for those who must live with it.
- Cumbernauld needs a town centre that meets its 21st needs not a concrete monstrosity that I personally always struggled to appreciate and I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1970
- Cumbernauld town centre has been altered over the years and no longer represents the vision of the original concept of the design and therefore does not need to be listed to preserve it.
- Absolutely not it's not fit for purpose and local residents would love to see it replaced and any architectural/historical interest can be documented by photograph and video. I believe anyone who supports listing isn't living in the area and using the building. All local residents and most beyond consider it an eyesore (won Caruncle award numerous times)
- As the building has no special architectural or historic interest it should not be listed. If listed it would make a mockery of such a designation and belittle the meaning of what is of interest and the buildings that are given such a designation
- if it is given listed building status, the use will be limited to the same, small and failing units in it at present forever
- Ditto
- No



- The changes to it made over the years have wiped out it's right to hold any designation.
- Listing should be to preserve buildings of architectural beauty or historical or social significance. The town centre does not fall into any of the these categories. The people who are advocating listing do not have to live with it.
- There is nothing original or of interest in its design.
- I can be nostalgic for old Cumbernauld but photos, videos and conversation will date my need to recreate the past. I feel we should let it go or risk dooming future generations to making the choice we need to make - before more money is spent trying to repair and conceal and make it viable again. It is too vast but although the financial and environmental cost of demolition must be huge I think we need to let it go to move forward and save future generations from repeating this conversation time and time again. Experiment is over document it but don't (in this case) make the relatively short term past keep making an impact on the future possibilities.
- "Is this not duplication?
It's a wretched building. Not fit for purpose.
How can a town centre be described as a building. It should be so much more than that.
"The past is a place of reference, not a place of residence; the past is a place of learning, not a place of living."
Roy T. Bennett."
- Are you kidding. It should be totally demolished. Too many people meddling with our town who don't have to live with it and look at it.
- Why would you want to keep a building that is neither fit for purpose nor pleasant to be inside. It actually makes me feel depressed going inside.
- It should be levelled without delay.
- Cumbernauld Town centre has been a failure since the 80s. Its primary purpose is to serve the local community with good retail outlets and services. The existing building and management have not been able to do this. We need to start again with an innovative town centre. Innovation is what built cumbernauld, innovation should also bring it into the future.
- As above, retain the shell if possible for carbon savings and emission reductions but it doesn't needed to be listed for this purpose.
- Absolutely not it is not fit for purpose
- Eyesore. Simple as that.
- I think i have given you enough reasons in the previous replies.
- It's an ugly building made up of bits all joined together with ramps and walkways on too many different levels.
- Sadly I am not a fan I can't see how it could be kept
- "No!!
While it is architecturally significant and was groundbreaking at the time it was built, it is no longer fit for purpose. It does not fit with todays modern ideal shopping/working/living environment and should be demolished and the entire area replanned and rebuilt to reflect the needs of todays community."
- Eyesore, old , dirty, tired, unsafe to walk about at night especially the bus stops
- It is an eyesore as well as an embarrassment to the community.



- Cumbernauld deserves better. It had its day and its time for it to go. We can remember it from old photos!! The people who actually live here need a much better space with better shops and facilities
- Listed for what - for posterity to come to view it they will be appalled yes, the principle idea of it may be explained to them, as it was, and excited me 60 years ago - but they will rightly ask.. "What went wrong"
- This is a quite unique building that has over the years been allowed to rot and decay. There is no question in my mind that this could be a significant and important centre for the people of Cumbernauld.
- For reasons of rarity, architectural, historical, social and cultural significance I think it is important that the town centre building should be designated as a listed building to protect it from further damage and potential demolition.
- I'm not sure.
- "Seriously I was shocked when I discovered this was even being discussed never mind contemplated!
Cumbernauld residents have basic town centre needs now and to grant listed status to this eyesore over these basic needs is disgraceful!"
- It should be photographed extensively and then demolished asap
- Absolutely not! I can't believe this has been suggested or considered. The building is already falling apart, it leaks, it's not fit for purpose. It's ugly and an embarrassment. Scotland has so much history and culture but Cumbernauld town centre should not be listed. Making it a listed building will result in further loss of investment and resources for local residents. Let it remain in pictures and let Cumbernauld have something fit for purpose and that is welcomed by locals. Keeps residents spending money in Cumbernauld, not taking their money to Glasgow, Falkirk or Edinburgh. Please ease please, don't list this building
- The quicker this is down and rebuilt the better it is an eyesore not the heart of the community how can it look like that nobody wants to go to it
- To do so would stand in the way of real progress for the town centre. The plans for the new hub are exciting and the residents of the town deserve the new centre.
- It needs to be knocked down and allowed a building fit for purpose built in its place
- It has no character, no interest. People leave Cumbernauld to shop elsewhere and it has nothing to appreciate or offer the Cumbernauld people or bring people to it.
- "The Phase 1/Phase 2 group, with its high international status, overwhelmingly meets the criteria for listing at Category A. Indeed, my own personal recollection is that it was previously agreed and put forward by Historic Scotland for listing at Cat. A in 1992 (largely on the basis of my 1991 dossier), and would actually have been listed at that stage but for the personal intervention of junior Scottish Office Minister Sir Hector Munro, an aristocrat and probably not an enthusiast for the postwar Welfare State era and its monuments.
This case, to my mind, contrasts strikingly with the venerated listed status and inordinate heritage efforts today devoted to St Peter's Seminary in Cardross, a building that was originally of purely local status, with none of Cumbernauld's links to postwar modern culture and attracting almost no international (or even national) periodical coverage, unlike the status of Cumbernauld as a mecca of global architectural and planning celebration. It would be an absurdity if Cumbernauld were turned down for listing while the seminary continued to enjoy its almost fetishistic heritage status!"



- The centre has not been developed/refurbished to meet the needs required of the town, it now looks like a series of extensions.
- To maintain this as a listed building would be ludicrous. It's hideous and not fit for purpose. A reminder of the mistakes of the past.
- "Postwar architecture is controversial at the moment, but it has recovered substantially in public opinion in recent years. Cumbernauld Town Centre is not at the forefront of that recovery because of its current state.
However this is where listing is so vital: look at the English example of Preston Bus Station, which was locally hated and neglected until after its listing, but is now loved and appreciated as a new hub of activity and a national and international attraction."
- Historical importance; global significance
- The people who live here hate it! It's all very well for Architects and Planners who don't live here want to preserve it! Video all of it and use it as a lesson in future!
- Everything has to change for the better. I personally love the size of centre we have however the whole layout of shops is crazy with the same old shops and same old rotten fixings. List it and fix it up or tear it down. Just bring what cumbernauld deserves.
- The building should be demolished and has no rights to be a listed building
- It is the most famous Carbuncle in Scotland if not the UK.
- I repeat my statement it is tired, riddled with asbestos - Probably , and in the end is just a shopping centre. No one uses the old library which leaks everywhere. The upper floors need removed.
- Ghastly mistake
- "An embarrassing eyesore that should be consigned to history books. Costly to maintain or worse still to incorporate within a new development.
Unfit for purpose and it would prevent significant redevelopment of the centre for the greater good of the local population."
- Absolutely against listing this building.
- The listing of this building would be disastrous to the future of Cumbernauld. We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to reimagine the Town Centre with a focus on wellbeing and civic amenities. To help people feel proud to say they come from Cumbernauld rather than the current shame and embarrassment.
- We fully support the "in principle" proposals to develop the town centre and feel that listing it would seriously impact those plans. The centre is not fit for purpose, has accessibility and safety issues and is an eyesore in the middle of a lovely town. It does not draw people to it and therefore the economic wealth of the town goes elsewhere. We do not have a civic space which is much needed and the proposals address this aspect too. From a public perspective we as a community are sad that if you mention Cumbernauld the automatic connections are to the town centre and the carbuncle award and we feel that this has a negative impact on community identity.



Q.11 - - Other ways to recognise

Besides statutory listing, do you think there are other ways to recognise the architectural and historic interest of Cumbernauld Town Centre? - Other ways to recognise?

- Yes (923)
- No (1191)

Besides statutory listing, do you think there are other ways to recognise the architectural and historic interest of Cumbernauld Town Centre? - If 'Yes', please explain your answer in the box below:

- As the first new town
- "Refurb first as representative to the climate emergency. Every effort should be made to repurpose.
Record and photograph, gather and record stories as Historic England have done elsewhere, full 3d cloud survey."
- If the building is not listed it will be sold and demolished.
- Keep a component but structural change is needed .
- There are many ways to recognise the architectural and historic interest of Cumbernauld Town Centre. For example, after demolition works have taken place the new Town Centre could integrate features of the old megastructure within the new development. Or, an area of the new town centre could be dedicated to the old with a permanent exhibit or sculpture.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre should be designated as a Conservation Area to protect the remaining architectural legacy of its founding.
- No, it simply must be preserved.
- Make more information known about the history of Cumbernauld, pre and post new town - expand on the museum and gather stories and data from the older generations before its all lost forever.
- Unsure
- The Library museum could be expanded upon, to have more of a focus on the early concepts of the Town Centre and what it hoped to achieve.
- But not if they call un the demolition squad. A few tattered pictures and line or two of text will not do it justice.
- "Though I am not sure how - Conservation Area status still allows Demolition, even if it is fundamentally of the whole item in the Conservation Area.....
Anything else (a Memorial, full recording of the site) are only a way to mourn the decision to allow the loss"
- Upgrade and make it a destination
- Full study, exhibition etc on the planning, building and ethos behind the town centre.
- There should be an acknowledgement to the architect on the building
- Declare Cumbernauld a city! It has a greater population than Perth, Stirling and Inverness. Remove Cumbernauld from the destructive governance of North Lanarkshire Council!



- The only way to stop the demolition of the centre is listing. The Council seems unwilling and incapable of reimagining the centre and how it could be integrated into a wider masterplan for the town. This is a world class architectural project - out of the league of the Council. They need to be forced to think more creatively and listing could force their hand.
- Not sure but hope there is a way of preserving some of the architecture and design of the building outwith listing such as preserving some parts of the building and erecting it elsewhere if the building was to be demolished.
- Make it interesting and cultured as opposed to a leaking ignored [REDACTED].
- It's been there for about 50 years and should be preserved, most of the haters don't even use it and even moan about the newer built Antonine centre, just serial complainers
- Enshrine the requirement to keep it in tact in the local development plan. However this is risky as it would be politically motivated and the time required for this may be too long before a developer decides to knock it down.
- The megastructure could be renovated and incorporated into the NLC hub plan while the later boxes are removed and replaced with other leisure, retail and residential areas.
- It's fine the largest town in North Lanarkshire was recognised properly with its own museum and heritage centre but I doubt it will happen
- Cumbernauld is academically studied throughout the world, this needs to be recognised and appreciated
- Think the democratic way Cumbernauld was built, ie folk from different 'economical' backgrounds living together, is extremely important historically.
- Think having information on the thinking behind the design available around the town would help people understand the vision it was created for
- A permanent display or small museum within the new town centre marking the development of the town
- Plenty of historic trails for tower houses, castles, etc.... Scottish central belt home to numerous significant mid century modern/brutalist structures (plenty even just within Cumbernauld with multiple examples from Gillespie Kidd & Coia and Robert Matthew). Presenting these positively in an accessible manner (like historic trail) is key to changing the wider public perception and understanding of modernist architecture - key to their survival in this current period of demolition en-masse.
- Restore it. Turn it into a living museum. Use it as revenue for tourism- architecture students would come as well the current up surge in Scottish tourism. Like a lot of the small towns on Route66 I think the town centre if celebrated and restored to all the mad colours and designs that it was originally intended to have. We could make it a place people really want to stop and spend their money in.
- A museum of hub that could show plans and pictures.
- Not really it needs to be preserved in law. It is unique. The failure in Cumbernauld is not the Town Centre per se but the mismanagement of the facilities in the building, not the building itself.
- "Storytelling
Re-use to support greater intensity of use and understanding"
- I do not know of any other way to preserve the building



- It would be great to see a development along the lines of the Sumerlee Industrial Heritage museum in Coatbridge. A recognition of the original vision. Maybe a sort of living museum - preservation but with real shops/offices/facilities. A visitor centre. Something to restore pride in the town - and the town centre.
- At the very least, part of the building should be kept.
- Yes, finding new and innovative ways to use these buildings, and incorporate them into the community once again. Even if they cannot be used for their original purpose, attempting to re-imagine the original designs in a way that incorporates current needs of the town.
- It needs to be properly maintained instead of being left to rot and bring on the need to tear down
- Show its importance chronologically as an important forerunner of many similar projects, and its importance as a meeting place for generations of locals
- A comprehensive document of its conception, its construction and how it fell short of its ambitious brief in a digital form or a documentary or print (or all 3) there are many who have a love for modernism and don't want it erased . Also if you could find the original concrete murals by Brian Miller that may or may not be still somewhere behind brick in the car park area that would remind people that Cumbernauld had an artist before any other New Town and that so much has been lost.
- "An existing museum and library could be extended to include as many areas for record as possible.
Potentially video and 3-D modelling."
- Preserving the elevated platform
- The centre could be sympathetically remodelled keeping it reusing the materials originally used
- Cumbernauld in general is an interesting area for anyone interested in UK history and new towns with a vision of the future.
- Digital recording for access online.
- Keep just the architecturally interesting and important part, demolish the rest.
- Cumbernauld Village is full of history. The old Cumbernauld theatre must be regenerated into something interesting/ useful. Can this old part of the town centre be made safe? Could people actually live in the building again? Make it desirable? It could be a self contained Eden...surrounded on some sort of Architectural bubble...
- Keep the building. Don't tear it down and create a shrine or museum to it
- Needs greater museum space to allow residents and visitors to fully understand and appreciate the unique resource they have at their disposal. Scottish history does not stop with 1746 and then industrial revolution. Mid century history may not be en vogue at the moment, but destroying this history before future generations can understand it is short sighted
- refurbish existing structure to high standards as a tourist destination
- Integrated masterplan including new and old.
- Do more with the centre, its been badly neglected for years
- Make it known to a wider audience with an online history and architectural study
- Unsure



- It may be possible to make a photographic record and publish a book about its history and/or hold an exhibition?
- Cultural events, get the school kids involved and teach them the local history
- An acceptance by planning authorities that the assumption for any future development will be to retain the building with suitable adaptation to current use requirements.
- There is perhaps an argument for a small visitors centre within a new mall. However I think the main issue will be getting the people of Cumbernauld on side with any decision made. There seems to be a lot of people in favour of pulling the structure down completely so it might be difficult to get those same to engage with a visitor centre or similar.
- As I said before, it needs to be restored and fully renovated. I am only talking about the original not the added on bits(Antonine is particularly bad, just a big added on box)
- Not aware of any other ways to protect
- If it is not listed, then it does need to be celebrated and documented ahead of any significant changes or demolition. This might take the form of artistic projects exploring the building and its history in the town, documenting its final state socially and materially through photography, community art projects, and other creative interventions. It shouldn't go quietly, and there needs to be something to mark its passing if that's where the decision goes.
- Only in photographic and video imaging. The town centre building is best experienced as a working building, an immersive visit around it and inside it.
- Visitor attraction. There is such a rich seam of material in the NLC archives and beyond about the building of the centre and the housing/wider town that, if properly utilised, could tell and celebrate this place's story to a much wider audience. I am thinking about experiences like Vikingar, Ironbridge in Telford, New Lanark or even the DDR museum in Berlin. I do appreciate the efforts of the Cumbernauld Museum but feel perhaps at political/strategic level, there's a paucity of ambition in terms of what could be achieved. I am also working on my own creative projects (writing/photography) and hope one day to play a small part in celebrating all the town centre represents.
- Encourage investment and decent shops back into the Town Centre and the Community will embrace it again.
- "Yes, USE it for arts venues etc.
Have a concert hall. Have conference facilities. Have museum facility. Bring it up to scratch and advertise it it's rebirth!"
- Not in the case.....once its gone, its gone and it'll definitely not be replaced with anything so iconic.
- Investment in maintaining the building and encouragement for companies to move there
- I think, considering it is lined up for demolition, a full photographic record should be carried out.
- The history should be properly recorded
- Maintenance, marketing, education.



- A museum section in the Cumbernauld library, the commissioning of a photographic project/book celebrating the building, photographs of features of the building in the shopping centre itself, reflecting the unique architecture of the building to the shoppers within it.
- It should be promoted by the council and put to better use
- I feel listing is the most important in order to preserve the town centre. I am sure there are other ways to recognise the significance of this building but none give it as much protection as listing.
- Not sure what these are. Think listing is the best and gives the building most security
- "Tours. Free tours, not just for architecture students and historians, but for 'ordinary' visitors, to explain the logic of the layout and the social history behind it. Cumbernauld New Town as a whole is largely intact. Without it, the town makes much less sense.
A positive media campaign to explain why the megastructure was built, and how it could, quite simply, be restored and incorporated into a new central focus for the town."
- Cumbernauld town centre has been much maligned. It has been successful for nearly 60 years and still serves the community well. It would be good if the successes can be highlighted and the positives built upon rather than the negatives being maligned.
- We should build more ambitious towns and city centres that are focused around people and communities and away from cars and alienating low density suburbs. With climate change in the forefront of everyone's mind, Cumbernauld could be a great place to learn lessons on how to better build our future.
- if you do not protect it you will lose it. if you do not keep up repairs you will lose it.
- Reuse it!
- The penthouse should be restored to its original state and opened to the public for historic education for younger generations of Cumberland
- By keeping the town centre as it is but with an upgrade people. Can see the history of cumbernauld. In our. Local library
- Yes I feel there should be more awareness of the town centre and that further investment and planning should be put into it. It's original purpose was a town centre and it still hold up to that to this day. although times are changing and shopping centres are on the decline. Feel the old part of the town centre should be redeveloped into housing. All of the parking is still there. Would be a good way to help restore it back to its formal glory in a way to remind everyone that this building is still strong and we should be proud of our building history.
- There is one iconic section of Cumbernauld Town centre that still stirs passion, one way or another, and that is the "train carriage" like structure on top. That should be preserved / incorporated in some way in any restructuring.
- Elements of Cumbernauld Town Centre might be designated as a Conservation Area. It is anticipated that this might allow protection of and re-purposing of the structure and a visionary response to its environs.
- Improve the building by repairing and updating. Build the new hub around the main structure. Tell the story of the original design



- "Again, it's what our county was in that period. All the streets around are from the same time and even those are being slowly taken down and rebuilt in whatever modern style is 'in'.
Even my high school was knocked down a couple of years ago so that's a big part of me too. There was nothing wrong with it. It just didn't fit the new picture. So Cumbernauld Town Centre must be saved and we should somehow create a museum of 1950s and 1960s architecture in the building."
- Whilst other ways may be complimentary to listing, any other mechanism than full statutory protection will not help to prevent its eventual demolition.
- I am not certain
- Lots of artwork and elements in any new building eg Miller's concrete totem poles and painted murals should be used.
- There is so much that could be done to highlight the centre, but in conjunction with listed status, not instead of. It could be developed as a cultural hub. Artists and influencers could be offered access to it to create a re-invigorated, happening place. This would eventually draw businesses back there that would embrace the history and unique nature of the centre. There is so much space in there that is usable and unique. It should be made a feature of rather than seen as an embarrassment. It should form part of Scotland's tourist attractions. The view from the penthouses must be incredible, and Cumbernauld is literally in the centre of Scotland - a literal watershed between east and west. It is a place quite literally at the heart of Scotland and so much more could be made of that geographical positioning. The penthouses could be done up and let out like the National Trust do to garner revenue and interest. There are parts that could be let out for festivals. It just needs life breathed back into it, cool shops to be encouraged back in. Proper information about the history and philosophy behind the centre's design could be made more widespread. A locally held archive of old film footage, exhibitions about the town artist, the civil servants, the architects that worked on it and the wider town. There is so much that is fascinating about how the town centre and the town itself developed - that hardly anyone knows about! You have to go searching and collating yourself. I just think the whole thing is a tragedy and that the town centre building NEEDS to be listed.
- "Regular school and college visits to learn about the positives and negatives of the current centre... Bar its looks and design of asbestos
I think we will find that it is a very useful idea in years to come"
- You need the local people to love it, it needs someone who can see it for what it is and bring out its full potential. Everyone views it as something that needs covered up yet I don't see anyone complaining about the massive uninspired fridge of a Tesco building that's next to it. The town centre is a real investment that needs looked after
- Conservation Area status taking in the remaining Phase I structure plus perhaps adjacent buildings of interest
- "3d scans. Models of the original structure. A full photographic archive of the building both old and new.
Recreation of some of the original art works and design elements in any new structure"
- It would be great to take the centre back to its brutalist heyday.



- It should be a combination of all. Cumbernauld used to have a thriving theatre and music scene, with fabulous murals and public art by Brian Millar...most is lost. Its criminal
- Raise Awareness in our youngsters Heighten the profile of the opportunities it gave to a whole generation.
- Preservation which helps interpret and explain why the building is interesting and help users discover its unique character for themselves (artistic interventions / new use / retrofit)
- A competition to address how it should be approached and a gathering of the many ideas developed for it in architecture schools over the years and a major exhibition and publication of its history.
- Put an end to the dilution of the megastructure's stark impact through the proliferation of junk, "big-shed" architecture surrounding it. Lose the horrible paintwork and strip it back to the bare concrete.
- "local library/museum displays - the library is still retained within the building. The building does require significant investment, however. I have visited similar building in Slovakia which have been restored and properly maintained - there is nothing wrong with the building, just the lack of maintenance and care,"
- Without protection the Town Centre is liable to lack suitable investment and without listed status it will suffer from market forces which will end in its demolition, as market forces allow it to be much cheaper to destroy and build on the land cheaply, than to retain and refurbish - there would be no respect for the vision of the original design etc.
- develop as leisure and visitor centre.
- Very unique building, would be good to see it painted/made fresh with the overall structure itself being kept as it is a very interesting design and I haven't seen anything like it anywhere else, could be better utilised as a place of interest to visit as well as a town hub.
- No plaques in memory once demolished, please.
- Yes, the existing structure could be repurposed and refurbished to fulfil a different use but without statutory protection it would be impossible to ensure that the mega structure was retained in any real sense.
- Incorporating the current building into any plans for the town centre would showcase the past and future for generations the current building demonstrates changes.
- A clear celebration and readily available information of the town centre and what it stands for would be helpful.
- Awareness should be increased to the potential of a building like these rather than focus on negatives.
- The careful redevelopment of the building and town centre - listing should be used to preserve what is worth retaining but encouraging flexibility and reuse.
- I think a few photos in a museum is certainly not sufficient.
- Plaques and museum displays
- Invest, improve, restore and enjoy.



- Information on the architect and history of the building, including a bit of a museum section and promotion of gifts and memorabilia based on the design of the building etc.
- By keeping it standing.
- Care for the building. Stop neglecting it and letting it look so run down.
- Publicise the history, architectural and social significance of the buildings, and counter with facts the thoughtless criticism of their design.
- Yes, save and conserve all the modernist and brutalist structures in the town, we will one day be thankful we did.
- Move to the hotel part to a London museum...
- "Architecturally, it replaced the old houses and shops from the old communities. It was supposed to provide shops, apartments, a hotel, ice rink, police station and other amenities. The building is frozen in time and of historical interest. There are very few of these buildings left behind and I think it could be a talking point and visitors' centre for the people of that area of Scotland."
- Something within the town that tells the story of the town centre, more walking tours.
- By making the original concept progress better known - i.e. to make illustrations of Geoff Copcutt's original scheme more available and better publicised.
- The building should be refurbished through a design competition to celebrate its character and heritage.
- By restoring the building as far as possible to Geoff Copcutt's original conception, for example restoring his pinnacles etc. to enliven the silhouette, and as far as possible removing the most unsympathetic later additions. I appreciate the latter would be difficult, to say the least.
- A museum all about Cumbernauld with our history in detail.
- "Educate the residents in Brutalist architecture and the realisation that it's becoming rarer as the years go by (due to demolition).
If you understand what you have as your town centre building is unusual and rare (rather than ugly) then you might see the value in keeping it and restoring it. If it was a Banksy they wouldn't think twice about protecting it but remember, to some Banksy is graffiti and to others it's priceless!"
- There may be other ways to recognise the architectural and historic significance of Cumbernauld Town Centre but I do not know what they are. Whatever they are, they must preserve the fabric that is there and find imaginative ways to enhance it by adding to it in sympathetic and functional ways. It needs to be a living town centre.
- The best answer I can think of right now is to make every attempt now for media-profile and exhibition.
- I'm not sure what other ways there are tbh
- Making the archives of the former Cumbernauld Development Corporation and the architects plans easily accessible online.
- "School children could be given a project to go out and photograph their favourite places or buildings. Getting the children involved gives them pride in their environment."



The underpassess in Cumbernauld have some of the best murals in North Lanarkshire and should be celebrated and advertised. Glasgow has a ""mural trail"", Cumbernauld should have one too! Public sculpture is also dotted around Cumbernauld which should be championed, let school children get involved in the upkeep of these to widen knowledge and start conversations."

- There needs to be a full audit and master plan derived for the regeneration of Cumbernauld as a whole - happy to help - www.raaus.co.uk
- Other platforms like Dezeen, Archdaily and organizations like SAHGB, RIBA etc.
- "There would have to be a serious desire to understand the historical failure of local authorities in there inability to understand that social and commercial flux is inevitable in times of financial instability caused by man made or natural upheaval. The problems which have arisen in all communities and centres are neither new nor unpredicted.

A fresh approach to renovation and inner investment must surely be worth visiting. Once it's gone it's gone and in another decade it becomes retro kitch and massively costly to recreate."

- If part of the town centre could be kept, maybe not all. The penthouses are iconic could that be kept or integrated into the new building.
- I'm not sure how
- "Conservation area status.
But the building clearly merits listing, where the listed building consent process would apply, and input from HES would be available in respect of planned changes."
- Synthesised social, planning, history With lived experience evidence- heritage more tied into development prompts and limits and economics
- Yes to recognition but No to real protection.
- Cumbernauld as a new town was one of the first of its kind. It's not just a building but a hub serving a community. No other area refers to their shopping area as the toonie. Everyone knows it and it's been like this since it opened.
- Artistic, film, TV and drama classes plus bringing back residential use - getting a new vibe.
- Your designations policy suggests survey, recording, and commemoration as alternatives to listing. These would be of additional benefit, but they would not adequately mitigate the effects of demolishing the building.
- Record it for posterity.
- "It feature's in Prospects List of important Scottish Buildings and in major Architectural Magazines. It badly needs explaining to the mass of the local and national population.

What we were trying to achieve, if need be where it went wrong or deviated from the master plan and how we can modernise it to current standards."

- I really don't have any knowledge of these processes, sorry.
- Not Answered
- Blue sky thinking. - what about a new 20th Century Conservation Area status? This might be designed to protect parts of the megastructure, enhance it and ensure that it is re-purposed in a way that is exemplary based on circular economy principles???
- There will be plans - possibly models. I'm sure that architectural students could study the concept of the building without having to see the building itself. It serves a



purpose to show future designers and architects what the risks are with a single structure that's not flexible or adaptable to changes in society.

- A Cumbernauld museum
- Put it in a museum.
- Just don't repeat the catastrophe anywhere else
- Yes put a model of it and picture of it in the replacement
- You could keep parts of it in another building for future viewing
- Take pictures, keep them in a library or museum. Demolish the place and start again with nature, make it more attractive to the eye.
- Maybe an exhibition at some architectural museum
- If there are any, include information & pictures within the library.
- If people want to recognise and remember the centre of Cumbernauld as it is, a photographic display could be erected within the new centre. A wall dedicated to the history of the site and the development that has taken place since Cumbernauld was built.
- In the proposed restructuring plans there could be a requirement to officially recognise the historical and cultural importance of the original design. However as I have stated, the lack of maintenance and poor development of additions has rendered it unfit for purpose going forward.
- Architectural and historic interest of Town Centre is important but should not stop redevelopment of area which is in dire need of investment and change. If elements of current town centre can be reused or referenced during the redevelopment, I believe this would be the best of both worlds.
- 60s architecture is a blight on the Cumbernauld landscape. From the town centre to the small grey house and flats. It needs to be replaced.
- As part of new development plans, temporary exhibitions could be held to show case the old town centre, photos could be hung in an around New building to refer, fixed signs explaining the heritage of the site could be created to help the public remember.
- Pictures and videos. Data capture is available in its highest form at this point in time and should be taken advantage of. As I said, the building does not need to exist to be seen.
- We have places like at mungos church, abronhills bell tower lots more, the town centre is just an eye sore with so much wasted space
- Add more content to the Cumbernauld Museum which can be relocated from its existing spot at the Library.
- Photographs and archives.
- Put it down as an example of a massive and unpopular mistake that should never be repeated
- Historical archives, people's stories and photographs, 3D digital scan of the building inside and out pre demolition.
- Historic architecture can be found in Cumbernauld village and in archives.
- Digitally preserve it and ask locals to record videos of their memories and thoughts of the town centre as it was, as it is now and their views on what a redeveloped town centre should offer
- a Plaque suffices



- Books, websites etc to remember the first building of its kind.
- See previous comments regarding its current structure, layout and poor design
- I think it should be demolished and a new centre created with more shops and jobs for people.
- Take pictures & stick them in a museum somewhere
- "Models/images/design plans/local stories should be captured for inclusion in a museum of Cumbernauld (or Glasgows) social/economic/architectural history. The buildings existence should not be forgotten. It was built with good intentions."
- Photographs and models in the local museum
- It needs to be demolished
- Keep photographs of it
- It is not necessary to show through the listing of an ugly, outdated not fit for purpose building
- There are various other sites like the antonine wall and the cumbernauld Glen. The town centre is not going to bring in tourists or people from other areas unless it is updated
- Redevelopment destroyed the original
- Historical records and photos
- Photograph it and retain photos as an example of well-intentioned but misguided planning and architecture.
- Documentary and audio visual materials. No need for the physical eyesore.
- It is people
- There is nothing worth keeping! The town centre is an eyesore and not a nice place to visit. It's the worst looking town centre I've ever seen. Embarrassment.
- Theres nothing historic in it...its outdated architecture. Needs demolished and rebuilt.
- "Statues such as Kelpies/Aria are great ways to acknowledge. Also the inclusion of the 'big clock' would serve a great significance for those of us who grew up in Cumbernauld. A mini play version - a model recreation could be a centre piece in an open, pleasant forecourt of a new square or walk way."
- Let's focus on the beautiful sides of true historic relevance within cumbernauld, for example, the sites of the Antonine Wall.
- Just take photos and use to remind people how NOT to build a town centre.
- A display/information point as a focal point in a new, regenerated and pleasant town centre.
- May be by acknowledging the mistakes on the vision to create the monstrosity.
- Cumbernauld through the times exhibit
- After it's knocked down put a plaque up with a picture.
- A model & library photos should be displayed in a Civic building in the Town with a timeline showing the good & bad aspects of the building as a warning to Architects of the future
- Bulldozer
- It can be remembered in photos and even recreated in VR.
- The architecture is of the lowest standard possible. Square boxes constructed haphazardly.



- Make a film - take pictures then commit it to the archives and get on with redeveloping and upgrading facilities
- If demolished,
- It's just not nice, it needs to go. It's all well and good for the arty types, most of whom probably don't live in Cumbernauld, for for the residents, it's been a source of perpetual embarrassment for decades.
- Lots of pictures.
- Use it as an example by way of photo/video of what not to do & what happens when nobody cares
- The building will remain a part of the towns history. This doesn't mean that it has to remain here. Perhaps a spot in the new museum about the town centre to remember it. A model of the building could be made?
- In a local museum showing the evolution of the town.
- Small model and information kiosk, in whatever building replaces it.
- Pay more attention to Old Cumbernauld village, there are more interesting buildings there that warrant special attention , get rid of the concrete monstrosity.
- Useless eyesore
- It shouldn't be kept as a museum, but details and videos belong in museums dedicated to Scotland's historic, cultural, industrial and civic past. We should be proud of our past, the building should not be vilified, it was a good faith experiment, but it doesn't need to be preserved to retain that memory.
- I think we should have a information booth in the new city centre and use elements of design from the old town centre if a new town centre is built.
- I think within the new proposed development there could be artwork commissioned (similar to the palacerigg mural) to highlight the history of the town centre and it's social and historical impact.
- Video it, photographs and virtual images of it.
- By the creation of an indepth archive of the town, pictorial and documentary, which should be held in a local museum/archive that is available for the public to see.
- Musuem.a library
- I question whether there is any historic interest in it??
- Photographs and documents stored in libraries
- By replacing it with buildings that provide a useable space for businesses , shops and residential. Including a hotel
- Photographs and scale model and it could be used to educate future Architects and town planners of what to consider when planning in future. And what not to do.
- Let's have a museum of contemporary art & architecture where we could allow those who loved the originality of the structure, and those in years to come who hopefully never see it in person, to come see what the town looked like when it was built.
- Create a display about it in the new building
- Possibly 3D modelling as was done with the Forth Bridge. Would allow people to experience it without having to smell it....
- Should only survive as a picture in a book.
- Photographic, video medium. Use the local library to show how Cumbernauld developed and modernised without keeping the structure



- Ensuring the history is documented in photographic form with relevant town history is included that could be displayed within somewhere such the library or online.
- Exhibitions online or at Community Centres are fine. Listing delapidated buildings to prevent regeneration is beyond a joke.
- It being noted in history. Documenting via photos & video should be enough to preserve any history.
- By all means record the building by point cloud scanning, 3D modelling, photography etc. but nothing physical. It has to go.
- For the people who think its of architectural and historic (I bet they aren't actual residents of cumbernauld or people who actual use the town centre on a regular basis or ever), take pictures and videos or the way it is before it's changed for the better for the residents and put it in the cumbernauld museum, they could build a miniature version for anyone who is that interested in seeing it.
- Maybe some sort of museum or memorial site but the buildings should not be kept
- Set up a display in the library with pictures
- Archives containing photos, video footage, aerial views and models of the original town centre should be preserved.
- Make a TV show, put up some historical plaques and rip the auld thing down.
- Level the area and start again.
- Demolish it
- Put pictures of it in a textbook for architects and title it 'How Not To Build A Town Centre'.
- Yes, potential museum or display with images, models of the building when first built.
- Yes, maybe a photo of it or a memory board at the site once it's demolished.
- Books and online resources could be made about the town centre for nostalgia and architectural examples but this doesn't mean it needs to remain.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld all my days and enjoy exploring the history of the town. I am sure we could establish a new museum in a revitalised town centre which told of Cumbernauld Town Centre through the ages.
- Some modern structures that tell the history of Cumbernauld
- The history and architecture could be preserved another way with a model in a museum or as a feature in the new town centre.
- It's already being taught, about the design of new towns. If anyone actually cared for the subject, Cumbernauld is already documented in video and books. I can learn of the importance of Hiroshima and nuclear weapons without having to visit the site in Japan, and that has way more significance to the world than a poorly designed and failing shilling centre
- I think a good film & photographic record of the building & its history & a new improved museum & library in any new centre
- There could be a display in the Library showing the development of Cumbernauld over the years.
- Plenty of online material and photos, publicise them better.
- Make a 3d model of how the building used to look when it had the gateway and all the other buildings where the clock used to be located.
- Sure, put a notice board of info somewhere else in cumbernauld.



- Create a digital archive
- See previous comment regarding photos, models, blueprints, etc.
- The clock currently in the centre should be relocated as a working monument to the original centre and a museum or similar to the centre should be considered.
- Take the part that is deemed to be listed away during the demolition and repurpose it for the community elsewhere in Cumbernauld
- "See previous answers.
Historical and architectural interest implies a sense of pride, there is none of that here."
- Yes! A 3d model of the town could be built and put in a display case in the new built community campus as part of the councils plan. You could dedicate a section that explains the building and what it was designed for.
- Having a proper and accessible (not buried away in the library at the back corner of the top floor) museum to showcase the old (demolished) buildings, surviving architectural gems and historical locations that are still in existence (Sacred Heart Church / the Dovecote / Cumbernauld House...sorry the council already sold their soul with that one / St Mungos / Antonine wall) within the Cumbernauld locale.
- Keep the older building's in better repair then maybe we could keep some historical interest. As Cumbernauld does have building's built a long time before the town centre, even at that they sold Cumbernauld house off to developers for houses in stead of keeping and using the building as was! Shocking waste of historical and architectural buildings!
- I think a new building could be designed that gives a 'nod' to the overall shape of the current town centre building, without using the same layout and position.
- "Knock it down!
Keep the clock though!"
- Photographic archiving before demolition
- Museum
- Demolish it and when it's replacement is complete, install a plaque that begins "Here stood...". Also get the St.Enoch's Station Clock properly displayed, as it is the only thing in that centre that truly has historical interest
- Aye knock it down
- Have photos of it in a library as a historical artifact
- In pictures and video clippings in a local museum. Or a mini model of it.
- There honestly isn't. Start over and do it right this time.
- Maybe a museum display somewhere with models of buildings in Cumbernauld. It may have been a new an innovative way of rehousing Glasgow overspill post war but many buildings of concrete construction have since had to be demolished. I have lived in the town most of my life since 1966 and have seen many flats - including the high rise blocks decay to the point that they had to be demolished. Flat roofed concrete buildings were not durable over time. Unfortunately the town centre has not lasted well over the years either.
- "This question doesn't really warrant an answer as Cumbernauld Centre, as it stands has no historic interest.
Even Clyde FC couldn't wait to get away from Cumbernauld."
- Just knock it down and rebuild



- It is crap
 - Pictures and plans as part of an exhibition in local library should suffice
 - A photo in the archives would be useful for anyone still interested in seeing the past building structures.
 - Photographs, archives and books
 - Museums. Models. Sculptures. Move part of it somewhere else.
 - Take photographs. Publish them in an architectural history book then bulldoze it.
 - An inside and outside HD/3D recording video and images which could be used within the redevelopment as a exhibition to the area.
 - Please do not invent ways to try to immortalise this structure. It is an eyesore that has become virtually world renowned for its ugliness.
 - Exhibit about the history in a museum.
 - Take pictures of it.....then knock it down!!
 - Open a proper museum in the town, perhaps Palacerigg and have a whole area within it designated to the town centre and what not to build in future
 - As previously mentioned, some sort of booklet or book which contains the history of Cumbernauld New Town with photos and contributions from the local community would I think, be a good way to celebrate Cumbernauld.
 - Create a replica model for inclusion in an existing or new museum
 - The only recognition is the Carbunkle award , which is of the worst place , so nothing to be proud of or wish to repeat
 - Create a section in the local or new library dedicated to it, but that's it.
 - When we build the new one hang a photo of what it used to be like for all the people to see
 - Possibly a memory/ tribute / museum in the new building
 - Photos and models in a museum to show what never to build again.
 - Make a model of it and give to architecture students, saying it's an example of how not to build a town centre
 - Once demolished, a decent looking centre of culture, expanded shopping, entertainment & educational facilities could replace it. The best recognition it will ever get is if it's removed from sight.
 - 3D image the whole thing, inside and out. Offer virtual tours with overlays for different times in history.
 - Absolutely, with the local theatre group creative arts can be utilised to dramatise Cumbernauld's history. The use of museums or museum structures to commemorate Cumbernauld's cultural journey would be more appropriate and culturally significant and economically resourceful.
 - By revamping the town centre into a modern building whilst maintaining the square edges and enclosed walkway over the carriageway
 - Consideration to other areas of Cumbernauld that are more historic and beautiful, such as Cumbernauld village and the old theatre
 - "Take some photographs, make a documentary from new and historic footage and publish it online and/or in a book. There is already a model of the town centre in the museum in the library.
- I think the 2 Carbunkle awards already provide the recognition it deserves."



- Knock it down and crush the concrete and reuse the material buried below the ground on a new town centre and focal point of the town.
- Museum
- A scale model could be produced and put on display in the new town centre, alongside its carbuncle awards.
- A plaque
- Put it in the history books.
- Make a new town centre and use some features as well as have a miniature version to look at
- I am sure there would be other ways but not sure how. Cumbernauld deserves a town centre to be proud of and this is not it.
- Now days with photographs available at the touch of a button anyone who has reasons to look back at the building when no longer there can do so. No requirement for any special buildings
- Scaled Structural Models of the buildings placed in a museum with all the facts, figures and historical stories for visitors to see and read. Perhaps in a local museum or a historic exhibition could be created in the new modern Hub that is proposed - an iconic display of the history could form the decor for the new HUB (or a separate building/room to relay all the key messages.
- "Refer to the archive pictures, architectural drawings and model s which I'm sure must still exist somewhere.
There is absolutely no need to keep the sad, semi derelict, knocked about, leaking, windy, rabbit warren of nightmare building standing.
No one who lives in Cumbernauld or works in the centre wants it to remain. The local economy would benefit enormously from having a new user friendly, multi-purpose centre in the town."
- I'm sure a model or drawing of the original building could be placed in pride of place in a new 'fit for purpose' centre
- Through videos, pictures of the building as it was. No need to keep the building in its current awful state.
- Focus on the Antonine Wall and not on poor 1970's architecture!!
- Take pictures videos and share the redevelopment story
- It is well documented in articles already
- Included in a list of failed attempts at planning and architecture
- Could be remembered through records- film, photos, architectural plans.
- Nothing nice about the town centre. It smells bad and looks bad. It is outdated and no longer serves its purpose. It is a hindrance to the town of Cumbernauld and the people who stay here.
- There are many other ways eg. pictures and videos to be shown as a bad example of town planning and building. Only once demolished.
- Best forgotten or consigned to academic texts on architecture.
- Retain the clock, brickwork, tiles and reuse if possible
- The housing estates around the town ensure the history of the town survives. Such as the pebbled monsters in the Cumbernauld village near the auld road.
- History books, exactly where it belongs.



- Have a memorial area within a new centre or local library with info on the old building
- Pictures, models and maybe a small gallery or museum to display what it once was!
- Form a small replica for display, show pictures in a designated area, like they do in Silverburn with the old centre and area of Pollock
- Expand the information in the museum about the ideas behind the building.
- That's what books and media are for
- Immortalise it in photographs or a 3D scan and use it as a shocking example to future architects of what never to build again.
- A museum with models and photographs. Exhibits. Video footage. Then again, with most of the building being knocked down leaving only the larger segment to stand, the look and intention of the centre has been compromised. We no longer see the full effect of the building, only the ugly remnants. But they still deserve to be seen in some form.
- Memorial within new premises.
- A display in any redevelopment of the centre explaining the history similar to what is inside the library.
- The town centre should be remembered through photographs, books and video footage.
- Record it honestly as what it is and was. An experiment of modern living, however it is no longer fit for purpose. Acknowledge this and record and display models of the vision and the achievements of the project. Pictures, models and literature would be sufficient for the future generation of architects and contractors to learn from. To ensure the same mistakes are not made again
- Cumbernauld is a laughing stock. I'm embarrassed to take visitors here.
- No, there are no benefits in doing anything. This site needs significant redevelopment.
- The original concept of housing surrounding a town centre with pedestrian and cycling friendly routes is increasingly appealing. This concept should be celebrated with routes, tunnels and access modernised with better lighting and green space upgraded and maintained. All routes leading to a town centre that has green space and modern facilities would provide more of a community rather than a monolith to an architects dream that people drive in and out of as quickly as possible.
- Create a small scale model and place it on whatever new structure is erected here as a memorial to the old building
- This building should be demolished and remembered as what it was. Make way for change and something that the community will be proud of.
- We could have a small Framed 4x6 photo of the centre framed and hung in a far away corner of a new town centre building
- Why recognise such a poor example of architecture. It looks like the product of a 6 year old given a box of mecano, lego and stickobricks.
- Take a picture then demolish it
- It cannot be moved. It must be demolished to give the future a chance.
- By demolition! That would give recognition to what most people think of it.
- Make sure all relevant material such as design plans etc, photographic evidence etc are all digitised in archive format for future generations.



- By fixing it or rebuilding it to a standard the people of the area can be proud of and to remember the reasons why it was built
- Have a model or statue that represents the old building somewhere in the new site.
- I do not think this is necessary. I certainly wouldn't think twice about the building once it's gone.
- The history of the building could be documented in photographs and small models however the current monstrosity of the building has a negative social and economic impact on the area and needs to be demolished. The people of Cumbernauld view it as an architectural failure that they are stuck with and this is unfair and detrimental to the community.
- Publicly accessible archive materials
- Demolishing the 'pound centre' and replacing it with new art and greenery and nice surroundings
- Yes knock down and rebuild and remember what it once was but be proud of a new modern development
- "Demolish the town centre , keep the stick out bit only and get a good modern architect to integrate the old with the new vision.
Or demolish all of it keep a model of what it was and display it in the new vision."
- A proper museum could be created to show the evolution of the Cumbernauld area from the time of farms and Cumbernauld Village to the creation of the new town and beyond. This should be more than just a room in the library.
- Yes, info could be put into a museum or information could be incorporated into a new town centre on Wall to give people the history
- Cumbernauld was a new town and as such there is some history in that respect. There could be an opportunity to incorporate some sort of recognition or celebration of this as part of a new development, Perhaps this could recognise early residents for example and offer some of their own history and how the move improved their lives.
- We need to move forward.
- Demolish it.
- Information hub/small museum in the town, online resources
- Have an important piece of the building framed and put into the new one to always remind where we came from
- Items can be archived. Pictures taken and a commemorative area.
- Certainly exhibitions showing early photographs would be of interest and could feature within a new building.
- Photographic records, could be displayed in a museum.
- Take a picture for posterity and take it down no listed status needed.
- Maintenance of aspects of the original building, with new, more usable design
- Once the new development is complete a large model or mural of the old town centre should be placed in a public area with the legend " This is how NOT to do it"
- Instead of listing it, make a (much) smaller scale replica and put it in a museum if you are that keen on keeping the design as part of history
- Put up a plaque to say 'Here stood the Cumbernauld Carbunkle, our very own plonk on the plinth'



- Photographs, plans etc could be provided in a museum of what the building looked like and was used for when first built. It was great for the 1960s and 1970s but is not sustainable for the 2020s/2030s and beyond.
- Blow it up like they do with other buildings not fit for purpose
- There's nothing of note about the place
- A model or picture of the town could be put somewhere
- The history of the town centre could be documented in the town's museum which already has a fantastic look at the old town, my grandfather was a draftsman for the cdc council when the town was built and his work tools are there on display he played a part in deigning most of Cumbernauld and if he was here today he would be saying the same build up the information available in the museum and build something decent
- Through archived photography and plans
- Public art. Exhibitions , Archives and museums
- As I said before retain a part or remake a bit in tribute. The clock is still very memorable. Something with that would be nice. Brian Millers art could be redone too as a tribute to him and the town as a whole. I am sure this could be done cheap and easily (as that is what he done).
- Scan and create a digital twin of the building
- But not to keep the building
- Video it, take pictures, keep the plans of it, make a model... but demolish it
- Write about it in a book have a museum in the new building we can still talk about it. To think of the buildings in Glasgow and the detail in then and done of them aren't listed yet someone wants to list this eye sore that had not been used to it's original design for well over 50 years is crazy!
- Pictures and historical documents will provide suitable recognition to a building which time has outgrew its use & purpose
- Cumbernauld town centre can be photographed and videographed and confined to film. As it is taken down elements may be sold off for anyone looking for a piece of the building for posterity, giving the building a new life as an ornament.
- Photographic representation in a display of some sort to let people know of the massive mistakes made in the original building. Make the St Enoch clock a centrepiece of the new community area.
- Create an info type section in new town centre development of what used to stand in its place.
- Can have a historic museum to show the origins of Cumbernauld and the original town centre
- "Pictures on websites, books etc...
Also it is in the film Gregory's Girl and there was no problem in demolishing the main set for that, (Abronhill High)."
- Removal and siting elsewhere.
- Get rid and make a very small exhibition of photos etc in a lovely new town centre which people want to actually shop in.
- Have a museum to it in the new, improved centre perhaps - describe the history with photos and articles. It can still be acknowledged without condemning the town to have to keep it.



- By recording/ displaying, the development of Cumbernauld, through all it's changes. This could be integrated into the design of new developments through sculpture, murals, mosaic etc or displayed in the library or town hall etc.
- A museum with pictures and videos. But no need to keep the actual building.
- Photographs and plans.
- Take photos and build models and display in a corner of a nice new shiny civic space. This would allow the past failings to be acknowledged, learned from and hopefully never repeated.
- Have a photographic display in library for those who are interested or digital info
- It's horrible building, half in occupied bad floor plan this is a architecture disaster.
- Have an exhibition in the library. There is no need to keep the structure in its current form.
- I think there is a very small minority of people that may wish to recognise that Cumbernauld Town Centre has a certain type of architectural interest, however the majority by far recognises that it is a poorly designed building, it has no historical interest and is actually causing harm to a community.
- Build a model
- There will be enough archival material to document the structure and development of the area available to maintain interest for relevant parties in years to come.
- Nothing to stop something being put in place to remember what was there previously after a new build
- Online, schools, literature
- A heritage centre or museum with photos and artefacts and files from the past could be incorporated into the new town plan designs.
- An exhibition
- Photograph it and make a model of it to go in a museum somewhere then if anyone wants to find out about it they can, but we don't have to live with it.
- Write a book or take some pictures then knock it down.
- "Proper display of the clock which is hidden away.
Pictures of the town centre past"
- Not sure
- Build a model, then tear it down!
- Have a picture archive of how it was rather than the dreadful state of what it is like now.
- digital records of all that all aspects that are classed as important should be taken. Any features that are unique could be saved and given to a museum
- The new centre could feature some memorial/history part about the old centre.
- Document it all, photos, videos etc and potentially locate some artefacts etc (the clock, any other interesting features) in the new buildings but demolish the rest of it.
- "Have a museum as part of the development of the new town centre vision. Take elements of the existing buildings, such as port holes, or areas on stilts as part of the brief for the architects of the new town centre."
- Document it, scan it. Set up a visitor centre to keep the discussion alive, but the building needs to go.
- There are already a number of publications, essays and videos detailing Cumbernauld Town Centre. Future Generations will not lament it's demise



- I think hideous concrete buildings have had there time. Most people I know are embarrassed by it and never set foot in it.
- See previous answers
- Creating community artwork that recognises the history of the town centre in a new modern redevelopment
- It has no redeeming qualities.
- No- horrible building
- Art work of statue's
- "Document it as it us now with videos and photographs and hold an exhibition showing where it started from, the various additions and rationale behind them and where it is now - featuring people's differing opinions and feelings.
I would be interested to learn about the economics of it too - how have the shops and shopping experience changed and what has the revenue been over the years, with an analysis of how the different parts and changes to society has impacted upon it."
- It's won enough Carbundles and Plooks on the Plinth for one lifetime. No more recognition is required in my opinion.
- Where possible, keep foundations/external elements for future redevelopment as a nod to the past.
- Photos, video. Do a 3d scan so it can be recreated in VR.
- 3D scan it. 3D print it then put the model in a museum
- A photograph.
- The building is not very nice to be in but obviously has significance in some people's views. I would suggest that those who argue of its significance could develop a model or virtual experience, funded from their own resources, that would allow them to continue to enjoy whatever it is they find so important and appealing about it.
- Pictures, bits of the old structure could be commemorated in the new structure. If the new structure attracted more visitors then more people would also see what was preserved
- "Write books ,take photos ,video etc.
It might make sure nobody builds another one."
- Take a photo and put it in the new museum, make a miniature copy of it. Keep records of its measurements or whatever, just let us tare it down!
- Saving the town clock is about all there is worth saving
- Start again. I live in Cumbernauld and don't shop there because it's so depressing.
- Retain the flats to crown new development which could be built between the two shopping precincts and largely replacing the extraneous dual carriageway.
- If a new town centre is built then a museum or some section in the information point with information on the old building would be good.
- Any redesign can include elements which reflect the better elements of the original design ethos and perhaps where appropriate some of the materiality of the construction
- In photograph form only. Most of the original features have already been lost, the site that antoninus centre sites in had car parks and ramping, the site that Fleming



house and the car parks beside used to site William Loos and car parks, that is gone. Why are we keeping the "plonk on the plinth" when the rest has gone

- Waste of time and money.
- The innovative buildings of the New Town if Cumbernauld can be recognised and remembered in an exhibition or the like while the actual building gives way to a more modern and useful purpose.
- Build a small scale model as a monument to what was there with information about the awards it had won. Doesn't mean it needs to stay as a whole building.
- Get rid and give us a new centre.
- Falkirk at the kelpies has a brilliant example of how to show the history and significance in a modern and inviting place.
- I don't see how people can say this is an architectural historical building when half of it has been knocked away already and the building has not been looked after for years. The worst thing done was selling the town centre off to the people who have
- Build a new one and knock that eyesore disgrace down it is a concrete bunker
- Museum with photos or partial reconstruction. Mini 'statue' in a local park or at the town centre.
- Photos of what it once was as nobody wants to see this horrendous looking building any longer
- Create an online repository with a 3D interactive map of the centre with supporting photographs from different eras. No formal listing is necessary for the physical building.
- Could do a specific area designed to show models and pictures of what it used to look like back in the day
- Yes old photos from back in the day which can be viewed if wanted
- Photos, museum. Videos of Cumbernauld town centre at its peak. Learn from mistakes made and learn from what worked. Don't deprive others because you once had happy memories.
- Take some photos and put them in a museum so residents can never forget the horror that was this building.
- If for some reason anyone wished to do so I am sure this could be done virtually without the physical aspect. It works pretty well in the area with the Antonine Wall.
- Capture some elements in a time capsule. A designated museum area in the new centre showing the architecture, tell the story and have an example of what the penthouses looked and felt like. There is no appetite for that and no interest so why bother. North Lanarkshire would love that cop out
- Retain documents photos etc
- Wrecking ball image on social media
- You can document it, make programmes about it, any other media you can think of to record its history without lumbering the townsfolk with this hideous structure that is not fit for purpose.
- Preserve components of the building and put up a monument
- Have a remnant or model made at the entrance of the Hub to recognise it similar to Alton Towers - they have a remnant of an old rollercoaster at the gates to remember its history
- Films, photography, exhibitions, books etc



- Photographs of old town placed over new town centre as I said out with the old in with the new Cumbernauld needs more it's growing and growing needs upgraded to fulfill keeping Cumbernauld folk from shopping elsewhere would bring new jobs and financially be good for Cumbernauld
- It just doesn't deserve it.
- "Yes!
This is definitely an example of learning from our mistakes and should be recognised so a repeat doesn't happen. Hopefully a new community hub will be built once the town centre has been demolished and there I would like to see a room/area dedicated to the previous town centre where perhaps a 3D model could be displayed on the town centre and information on the construction and design."
- A museum of pictures of then and now. No need for the structure itself
- Pictures telling the story of how we made a tired old shopping centre a place to be proud of not mortified to admit you live there.
- I personally do not think there is much that needs to be recognised in a positive way but I also do feel that history is important to remember and preserve in some way. I don't know if this perhaps involves something like including an architectural feature from the original building in the new one, or having somewhere that shows a visual history and timeline for Cumbernauld- the timeline in Buchanan Galleries walkway between the carpark to the shops springs to mind as something that keeps the history alive.
- Bulldoze it and give us something to be proud of
- I think it's important to preserve the photos and footage of the place in its heyday. By all means celebrate what it was when it was first built. We still have the old St Enoch's clock, though unfortunately it's hidden in a part of the town centre that is no longer accessible. It would be good to have something to commemorate the town centre as it was and it should be placed on the site, to mark it. I'm sure generations to come would be interested to see and appreciate the building for what it once was but in its current state, all you recognise is what an eyesore the place is and you can in no way appreciate its ingenuity at the time.
- It just needs to be recorded for historical interest and flattened. It doesn't work with 21st century living. Lots of photographs and videos to record the building for posterity is all that is required
- There could perhaps be some archive / museum dedicated to remembering the architectural aspects that of the centre, however, this should absolutely not be by way of keeping the existing structures.
- Yes, this building should be recorded as part of historical records and included in social and historical discussions of the North Lanarkshire area as well as discussions of this period of time in Scotland as a whole. This could be through online information, exhibitions/museums in Cumbernauld, education at local schools etc.
- Reusing parts of the structure for future projects. Incorporating the history into murals and information posts for people to read and see. A museum wouldn't be used.
- Take photos of it and add it to the architectural exhibition in the lighthouse Glasgow or another museum like Summerlee?
- Take a picture, write a chapter in a book. Then knock it down. Done. That's all that is needed.



- Pictures in history books of how not to build and how bit to maintain
- Architectural models, video and photographs in a museum could contextualise the intent and failure of this building.
- Yes leave it in photographs or short video for historic purposes.
- A new facility/hub could incorporate some features as a nod to the original build - but by no means a copy. Perhaps an area in a new library could be created as a museum for the through the ages. .
- I have commented elsewhere that the building is well documented, final documentation via a photographic survey, perhaps an oral history and pulling together research on Brian Miller and previous documentation would be a useful way of recognising the building's significance. There is a Scottish new towns research study underway and recent research on Brian Miller conducted by NatalieMorgan-Klein at Glasgow School of Art high would be useful sources.
- Have a museum exhibition telling the story. Just don't force us to live with this monstrosity any longer.
- Using some of the design features in the new design would be nice. Perhaps, if it's possible, save parts of the building and reuse them in areas around Cumbernauld, even in the new centre. Create a virtual experience of how the original space would have looked and have a small town museum so future generations can see how the town has grown and changed to fit the people. Have a mural of the building and the architect on part of the new centre. There are many ways to give recognition to the past buildings without feeling we must save every single one. Sometimes we have to let go to build something better.
- Take pictures but it's not a working building
- Films and photography.
- The Scottish Town centre programme can be recorded in photographic form & displayed in a museum
- A museum as part of the public library
- Much improved layout and design and kept up to date.
- A digital record would be sufficient. Please do not list.
- Rebrand it as the Happy Highway to the Highlands
- Build a replica model and display this in the library.
- Simply keep records and photography records of the build and the demolition.
- Just put up a plaque telling folk of its origins and maybe a model.
- Unsure of the answers to this, not a definite answer either way
- Incorporate designs in new building. E.g. stained glass windows with pics of better parts.
- Keep an archive of plans photos, anecdotes in a nice new library hub
- Cumbernauld Town Centre was of its time and is now only provides social and architecturally interest of an example of what happens when social experiments don't work. Whilst it shouldn't be erased from local history, the megastructure should be completely removed but records and documents, including negative view, should be kept. Even any replacement new build could perhaps have some design language that pay homage to its 'infamous' predecessor.



- I feel that if we must acknowledge the brutalist style of the failed building foisted upon us then a display of photographs (some taken specially to highlight its failures) could be set up in a small museum somewhere in the town.
- A digital archive could be created.
- Bring education to schools and colleges. Show pupils the history about the town
- Photographs, books, architectural drawings/plans. Perhaps a model to be displayed in the new hub. It's of no interest to local people. The former would make the details accessible to those who may have an interest. I'm positive none of them live in the town
- Documents, photos, etc
- Yes, I believe that the original idea behind Cumbernauld was an exciting and brilliant concept that has run its life expectancy and has ultimately failed in building a strong community. The library does house many images of the new town and I think a really good in-depth exhibition showing the history of this town and concept should be here and accessible. It is a truly interesting concept and original design and this element of Cumbernauld does have national interest and significance. However the people of Cumbernauld should not be forced to live with this monolith of failure just for other people to sometimes come and look at. It is not a beautiful castle that people come to praise, it is an attraction that only gives Cumbernauld a reason to be ridiculed. Save it in pictures and exhibitions yes, but let it go quietly as the nation will not miss it.
- Take lots of pictures then knock it down.
- Photographs. They also have the advantage of depicting the architecture as it was originally envisaged and constructed. Those images do not have to be in a museum either, they could be displayed at selected points throughout the new structure that hopefully replaces it.
- There are plenty of images both photographic and video that can be viewed if anyone is interested. An individual can certainly not visit the place and have a casual walk round to view anything of historic or architectural interest.
- Photograph representation situated within historical society or placed throughout New centre
- Pull it down
- Yes, please celebrate the novelty of the centre! But that doesn't mean keeping it. Take 3D videos of the outside and inside before its demolition, so people can use VR to walk through it and understand why it was made. But do not have it still standing just because it was the first.
- Have an area in the new facility showing the town centre history picture/exhibit
- This building was significant in its time, but it is an eyesore now. To continue to recognise the historical and architectural presence of this building it can be recorded in images and perhaps honoured in a small exhibit within a new version of the town centre. What the community needs now is a modern community hub, keeping this old building will stop the progress on better services and activities for the future of the town and its residents.
- With creativity and bespoke architectural design, I'm sure elements of the current building could be incorporated into a new centre that gave the citizens of Cumbernauld something to be proud of. As a 'new town' and looking back further,



Cumbernauld has much to be proud of - all of which could be celebrated given the appropriate funding.

- Keep some bricks to go in museum
- Perhaps, once it has been demolished, there could be some photography, architectural plans, and models on display in whatever replaces it.
- "Include in the new community hub a museum or something about the old centre. Have the clock there. Have scale models of it. Discuss the architectural importance. Let it be a draw to the town for those who have an interest. Then let them go and enjoy a wander through the community space, perhaps a brief shopping visit, and a nice meal. None of which they could do currently."
- As a scaled model of how some moron came up with potentially the worst design possible and even bigger idiots approved it.
- Well, what about someone making a model and having it sited in the local library. Or a three dimensional video which can be shown and kept for posterity. Write a book of the history of Cumbernauld and its people.
- Take a photograph...knock it down.
- Demolish and rebuild facilities fit for purpose and aligned with needs of Cumbernauld residents
- Keeping the statues which were originally within the town centre as still a focal point of any new build etc
- Take its picture and think lets not make this mistake again
- It is well documented on film and photos
- It is an eyesore and should be pulled down as soon as possible
- We could keep the old donated clock and let this be a feature of the new building.
- The only memory of this building should be some images within the new structure
- A statue or designated area with its history placed out a new modernised town centre building
- Through photographs or a 3d model.
- Photograph it. It could be used as a warning to other communities as what NOT to accept
- I'm sure there are many ways however for those of us who live here, the preference would be to recognise that there is no historic or architectural interest and flatten it. Alternatively, dismantle it and rebuild it somewhere far far away
- There is nothing architectural to be admired about the town centre, it was when it was first built but now it is dated and an eyesore on the Cumbernauld skyline.
- "Photography for an exhibition. Keep the iconic clock and reposition it somewhere for people to see and for it to be used as a clock."
- Videos, photographs etc is enough. These can be stored digitally. We all have Gregory's Girl which already reminds us of when it looked good.
- Document it in photos and let people move on.
- Plenty of photos, books and videos around if anyone is interested
- Local museum with plans and models to show how innovative it was at the time. Make it interactive within the new complex to involve the community
- Plans and photographs should be kept



- Take plenty of photos of it!
- Video, Picture and drawing archives.
- A picture, small statue
- "It has always been an unsightly building. ugly from the day and hour it was constructed.. it would be better demolished rather than the depressing building it is now and always has been.
It is not of architectural interest.
To make it a listed building totally devalues all other special listed buildings of our heritage such as castles and stately homes. This building will fall into disrepair and become an eye sore or more of an eye sore than it is now. And always has been"
- Other than keeping photographs of what it was - no
- "Displays in the town hall/library
An area of interest in the park , near Gregory's girl tree welcoming all the incomes over 50years ago
Bring back the clock for all to see"
- Take a picture of it and let it go
- A small museum incorporated into any new town centre complex.
- Take a photo hang it a wall somewhere or build a model and then tear it down!
- Hi resolution images and a 3d model.
- In the library there is a wee museum. It's not great but it's a nice idea. I think if we can get a new town centre there should be a new wee museum with an update for the end of the old town centre. That would be nice.
- Public art
- "Please see above notes on using modern technology to video the buildings in 3D
 - reference Alexander Armstrong program on BBC documentary on whole Cities eg Venice, being 3D modelled above and below ground level. An exhibition room could be available within a new centre"
- In a book of photos called Cumbernauld in pictures
- Photographic records
- A tribute to the past and perhaps incorporating elements such as our clock into a new town centre would be a great way to link to the past while building a town centre for Cumbernauld's future.
- No one liked the building
- As noted there is a significant film and photography archive of the structure. A redevelopment of the site could easily include a museum of the new town and incorporate pieces from the existing structure. Perhaps the entrance could incorporate the st Enoch clock for example, or the windows from the "penny flats" could be part of the museum design, to reflect the history of the site in any new development.
- There are many buildings and points of interest in Cumbernauld that need investment to encourage visitors. This not only means upgrading, refurb but also improving access routes wether by foot cycle or public transport
- Pull it down and do something nice with the space. The building is falling apart. Has its own weather system too
- "You can't erase history but you don't always have to see it.



Any new building can pay respect to the old site. This can be seen in many projects across the city."

- Some elements could perhaps be used in a new design.
- Within the proposed new town centre you could create a museum that documents the life of the town centre and of Cumbernauld as a town. There is a great story to be told of how the town grew to what it is today. People moving from Glasgow (mainly) to a brave new world in the country. How communities were formed, worked together and grew. I have wonderful memories of growing up here, and my peers have the same view.
- Who would want to remember this eyesore...we don't need to remember it we need new facilities that would encourage new shops to come to the town...the old centre has been run down for many a year and no more money should be wasted...tear it down and start again
- In written and in picture form. There are already lots of archive footage from Cumbernauld Development Corporation and further work could be commissioned to ensure the history of the Town Centre is documented and recognised.
- Perhaps a model of it in the New Hub and a QR Code linking to a video of the concept and original functionality of the Megastructure.
- An exhibition at the cumbernauld museum
- Aye, photos will be just fine
- There could be murals included in the new designs to reflect the town centres past and its modern transformation
- Possibly, but I shouldn't think it would be of any significant importance in the future. Thinking back to the demolition of The Golden Eagle Hotel, the rest should have been torn down at the same time. It's an embarrassment compared to other new town centre developments.
- 3d mapping
- Incorporate original architecture style into a new centre.
- Take photos and videos of all the parts that you find interesting then knock it down. I don't know anyone who likes it or wants it kept and I've lived here for 48 years.
- Failed plan
- "Publish building plans, planning permission documents, architect drawings, photos of the building.
There are lots of things that can be made available to the few that have an interest in the building."
- Write a book with pictures
- Unnecessary.
- Stick a few photos of it in the library to remind us of how architects don't live in the real world.
- In a small museum or something.
- A museum where it belongs. But don't even think people could be interested
- Extensive record keeping for future research.
- Documented on film and in photographs. Scale models and museums.
- Knock it down and write a book for anyone who cares enough to remember the way it is/was
- Have photographs of it in the new buildings!



- Keep drawings and records plus photographs in archive.
- "Create a Mini museum with a detailed model of the full. original town Center - too many parts have been removed/added to the existing building
The new proposal looks like another concrete mess. In my opinion it would be far better to create an authentic old world village with smart modern technology with the mini museum in the Center"
- Eye sore demolish. Who is this so called award for the council who commissioned it and built in the wrong place?
- Documentation of the history of the centre. Filming.
- There are a million photographs and videos for reference, and these should be used to discourage anything similar being built in the future
- There are many ways to do this: careful documentation including interviewing the local people. Booklets similar to the beautiful booklets produced by HES for its own sites. Working together in local schools etc.
- "We have a gorgeous village that we could do so much more with
- We have the old theatre which will be a fabulous community point if that goes ahead
- Memories are held by people, not by a giant, ugly building which is an eyesore
- Let's create better memories for our children and young people by redeveloping the town centre so that they have pride in the place where they live"
- Yes. Take photographs to show the new generations of Cumbernauld people how bad the centre was in the past. Then tear it down.
- Demolish the town centre and re build it to the requirements of now. However i believe they could keep the 60's signage from the old build and some tiles to incorporate into the new building. Preserving the history but allowing our communities to grow too! Things like the library signs and bus stop signs.
- You only need to look at the residential areas surrounding the town centre.
- A feature in the local museum, with lots of photos
- It could be used as a what not to do. How town centre planners should look to evolve and demonstrate they can't or won't follow in the cumbernauld planners example.
- INSTEAD of listing, during demolition relevant materials could be preserved to build a model that could be sited in the new town centre hub alongside extensive photographic history
- N/a
- Yes. Have a mural of it in the new town centre with a sign warning all future generations not to make the same mistake.
- Oral history. Photograph. Art projects. Sculpture. These are just a few examples.
- It's an absolute eyesore and laughing stock of western Scotland, demolish it and give us a functional town centre that people actually want to go to.
- Exhibitions of photography and history books
- I'm a museum
- Build a model in the library. Which we would need a new one as the existing one is in one of the worst parts of the building.
- There is no architectural or historic interest in my eyes
- Recognise how crap it is and demolish it.
- Possibl



- As previously stated an exhibition could be created to showcase the town centre.
- It is of no interest.
- Through the pictures and carbuncle awards we have had in the past
- The town centre is falling apart there's nothing there that would make you say right we will go have day out at cumbernauld shopping centre
- Only fit for bulldozing but no doubt it is full of asbestos, which will be a fortune to get rid of, so council have themselves applied for any type of listing, so they can opt out of any cost, this is a giant con on council tax payers
- Pictures, displays of how the town has changed and developed not stood still! In a digital age there is no need to hold on to a building no longer fit for ANY purpose!!
- The building could be videoed and photographed with a recorded tour that could identify any special features. This would be far superior way of recognising any significance as it would not blight a town of 70,000 people with its continued presence.
- Yes in film or photograph
- Photographic and painting exhibition and archive with people's stories. Please demolish it and start again.
- Keep some pictures to remind everyone to be very careful about designing ugly buildings which don't serve the purpose required of them.
- "I understand it was special when originally built but not for now.
Keep the special interest in a history book for readers to look back on but allow modernisation to happen.
This can be kept as a historical building on paper and maybe a model of what it once was.
We are at the point where Cumbernauld needs a new look. A fresh welcoming view of the town."
- Pictures of the past in a museum
- Archival? Photos, videos etc. There's no need for the building to be retained
- The lack of footways!
- Images and art work
- Take a picture. Then burn it so we never have to look at it again!
- There is a wealth of photographs, plans and other documents which could be used to preserve the historic details of the place.
- Pull it down and start again it's awful looking
- Record for future generations by way of virtual tour etc.
- I genuinely don't think there would be any interest. The best way to honour our town would be to demolish this, it only has interest for all the wrong reasons - I.e because it's unsightly!! The Fact that it was voted Scot's most dismal town twice and for the carbuncle awards makes a mockery of the request to list this building
- Maintain and reinstate the public art works installed when it was built.
- Take lots of pictures of what it is now and then replace it with something people would use. Just because it was thought of as iconic in its day does not mean we should support and retain this bad example.
- I do understand the history of the place and the utopian aspirations, which are genuinely interesting. So why not have a wee spot in the area to commemorate the old building with an architectural model and some info about the place, maybe with



some videos of locals sharing memories. But definitely demolish the actual building. The worst building in the UK. Ugly, dysfunctional, crumbling. Brutal. The only merit of the place is that it is the source of much black humour among the locals

- As I mentioned create an area with pictured or virtual area as the younger generation would love to see that as we move through time.
- If there isn't, then we are in deep trouble...! Frankly however, I have yet to find something of architectural or historical interest in Cumbernauld, but I do not live there (thank goodness) so I am not the best person to ask.
- "As previous save 1 big hunk of concrete in a glass case.
Have a town museum and have an exhibit so folks can learn about its planning & construction and how it was a mistake like countless Tower Blocks.
History is important so we can learn from & not repeat mistakes.
If the building is preserved the town cannot move on or improve which will blight future generations to come."
- Please see previous comments
- The historical and architectural interest can be represent via a museum of architecture which discusses the nature and implementation of New Town planning. Thus freeing up the demolition of the centre.
- Museum exhibition
- Photos and memories can be kept.
- As mentioned, it should retain some sort of architectural design acclaim, as for its time, it was discussed globally and recognised as a completely new concept in construction.
- "It should be recorded digitally (BIM/ CAD) as well as by photography.
Small artworks etc could also be integrated into the new development."
- Photographs, architectural models/drawing in a museum.
- No point in my opinion as I think it's a monstrosity visually, with water leaks everywhere. An eyesore.
- It's a well documented building, other than photographs and video footage to show how not to design a town centre we shouldn't be retaining it.
- Cumbernauld Library has a great exhibition on the development of the town centre and this should be retained and developed.
- I'm sure some historical photographs around a new structure would be more than sufficient along with any iconic fittings such as the old clock (although I've not actually seen it for a number of years)
- It can be recognised by historical documents, photos, videos etc... without the need to list and retain a building no longer fit for purpose.
- Include it as a part of the history
- Photos and models.
- I don't really see what there is to preserve. Take pictures and show them in museums. We have a museum, in a library which is rundown due to it being in a dilapidated town centre.
- Take some pictures and video it to remind architects and town planners what not to do
- This question is only relevant to those who think the town centre building is of historic interest rather than an architectural aberration



- Have a visitor centre within or just outside the new centre with model of old TC where people can visit. Photos/models of history of TC
- What is the historic and architectural interest?? It's an eyesore
- Through photographic and video memories which would provide a better view of the centre over the years while recognising the original architecture. Could be shared through internet and social media as well being available to view in libraries or maybe even some images on display in the new centre?
- Town centre is not but other historic interests are. Just because something is old does not mean it is worth saving.
- Display a huge photograph of the current site with the caption "How not to design a Town Centre"
- A mural or heritage centre in the new town centre would suffice and be much more interesting and informative.
- I would not be against seeing parts of the structure retained but only if they could be adapted to provide a more pleasant and hospitable environment than they presently do.
- There are many ways of making records accessible, informative and even entertaining. Use modern multi-media technologies instead of crumbling concrete. Modernise and move on.
- Exhibition in libraries.
- Demolition is the only answer with as much of the concrete recycled to reduce the environmental damage.
- I am not an architect, town planner or any of that ilk. I have no idea what other ways there may be.
- Knock it down and start again!
- On film as an example of what not to do. Shown to all students of architecture.
- It is unworthy of listing as historic , a folly would suit it better describe it
- Take a final opportunity to put on film the history and decline of the Town Centre as a warning to future generations of how not to enhance and preserve an innovative development of its time.
- As a warning to architectural students
- Films and photo's
- capture details digitally for archive purposes.
- via a specific Cumbernauld museum
- Funding should be made available to produce a definitive study of the aims of its design, why decisions were made and why the aspirations were not delivered. We are entering another phase where there are suggestions that rather than ad-hoc development led by developers, there should be effective planning and perhaps further new towns should be built. Where did Cumbernauld (and some others) go wrong, while Milton Keynes, Basingstoke and others thrived?
- "Interpretation boards if they don't already exist.
Investment in Virtual Reality experiences of it (these can be constructed to allow the experience of the vision and the changes through time).
I'd love that - but keeping a monstrosity because it is of its time is a nonsense.
Many ancient buildings survive because they were well built and have stood the tests of time - there are thousands that fell down along the way (rather than being



demolished) that aren't here. This photograph shows a building that looks too solid to fall down which is a good thing in a way as we should not be demolishing things because they are ugly but finding new, energy efficient ways of breathing new life into them... and the amount of concrete here is testament to a carbon store that should be revitalised not demolished. So perhaps by having a strong ethical and environmental purpose that resists demolition and insteads allow revitalisation through NOT listing is the best way of keeping this building relevant for today and tomorrow's inhabitants.

Too much pickling and not enough celebration of our own time and changing needs and climate is not good for anyone."

- Photos and models of the building
- No
- A complete eyesore.
- Retain a record of it from concept to demolition so that future Urban Planners know not to repeat the mistakes of the past
- demolish it
- Preferably within any new development here to benefit the local community include a museum about the original development explaining its place in new town development and indicating its successes and reasons why it is replaced.
- Yes, a "point and laugh" exhibition at the idiots who think that Cumbernauld want this thing to be kept upright. It should have been destroyed decades ago.
- Yes, visual media. More story telling of its history would prevent its history from disappearing. This can also be used as a lesson from what didn't work. Failures are not always a bad thing as long as we learn from them. Documenting failure helps society to continue to advance and develop for the better.
- There should be a museum for Cumbernauld and the New Towns initiative, where can people can learn about the history. Modern technology would even allow for people to see such buildings in virtual reality. However, my view is that the Town Centre must be demolished to allow for redevelopment of Cumbernauld with fit-for-purpose amenities.
- Take the building back to its former glory and find a new purpose. Its been butchered over the years and has lost its original unique qualities that most people are now completely unaware of.
- A wall in the "new building" with photographs and timeline similar to the link Bridge at Buchanan Galleries in Glasgow.
- Record it.
- A new library in a new town centre could hold information for anyone to view if there were interested in history.
- Its all on film and can have any points of interest displayed within a new area
- Demolish and sack all responsible for its present placement.
- On plans and models
- Make a film in and about it, before and as it starts to come down. From its beginning, to the dire middle, winning Carbuncle awards and jazzed up by being...painted (woo), to it's long overdue end. Maybe a model of the whole confusing, tacked-on maze of buildings that can be somewhere in the new centre, so people can show their children, "look what horrible thing was here before!"



- A small interactive heritage museum, to preserve the thoughts and reasons behind the building along with other elements of the town planning (weird join / leave intersections, etc)
- In new town centre/hub have original building photos and information as giant posters like the ones in Buchanan Galleries where information is given about specific buildings/sites in Glasgow
- Photographs and models for anyone who was interested
- I don't feel competent to answer this question
- Perhaps part of the new build could be designed in a way to 'give a nod' to the iconic part with the pothole windows
- In a new museum
- Not sure if this is about the whole town centre or the "mega structure " mentioned before ? ..when it comes to the oldest parts of the town centre I think there is a lot of work to do . And the people running things need to start thinking about the younger generation.. not holding on to and old bit of a building that has no importance to them . Take a picture. Stick it in the library for "historical reference" and move on...we aren't talking about Hadrian's wall here .
- "Museum with a history of the Centre (based in the library as it is now). Information, photographs of the Centre as it is now in major buildings in Cumbernauld (schools, community centres, Muirfield Centre, Link Centre, sports facilities)."
- Make a model of it then bulldoze it. Architects and town planners can learn from its mistakes without us having the misery of having it here
- Record, film, document and scan. It can exist virutally, in the cloud, on a computer, make a walkthrough or drone or laser scan, however you record buildings. Then get rid of this carbuncle on culture.
- Like the shipyards... video memories will do....
- Use photography
- Photos etc to capture the historic nature of it as it was significant at the time of the new town's creation but it's long past outdated now
- Focus on the aspects of the Town Centre that have worked and have been maintained for public use.
- Given that Cumbernauld has significant historical connection with a major Castle and Mary Queen of Scots as well as Robert the Bruce, surely something could be made of this in any development of a new Town Centre.
- Photos and historical text.
- "We can capture what mistakes were made in the 'design' of a new town centre to ensure mistakes are not made again by:
Taking detailed photographs and film
Interview residents thoughts and feelings
Even go as far as recording it in 360 for playback in VR."
- Online archives.
- Interactive exhibits, models, 3D presentations, holographic images anything but the buildings from hell.
- Photographs, Videos etc. We have to move on.



- Write a book about it, make a documentary film. Something that can be enjoyed in private while the rest of us traumatised victims adjust to life in a modern forward looking town.
- Knock it down - that's the level of recognition it deserves.
- Exhibitions, even displayed in new town centre, would celebrate how it used to look when it was well cared for. Not in the abandoned state it is in now.
- Cumbernauld is surely about more than the centre!!!! If there is nothing to Cumbernauld without that eyesore then best just give up on the town altogether and leave it to rot to nothing peacefully
- We already have a small museum with loads of information this could be expanded.
- "It's an eyesore, badly designed, cold, lacks character, not easily accessed, unsafe to be alone at night.
Those that want it to be a heritage site, should be made to live in cumbernauld"
- It will continue to be recognised in the literature and films that exist.
- Pull it down or move it. It's not great architecture.
- As with other historical sights - demonstrate this with plaques of pictures of how used to be and the reasoning behind its build. I think some folks would be shocked about how awful it looks now.
- Museum records, electronic archives,
- Have an exhibit in the local council buildings or library for people to visit, or create something as part of the regeneration of the town centre.
- Photographs and models in museums
- An upto date publishing analysis and a cinematic documentary to educate on the creation of utopia's by specialists to the exclusion of the future users . Why not paid for by government?The User makes all .
- It's an eyesore; leaks; depressing; outdated facilities; not a place you feel safe in etc.
- Take some photo's and stick them up in the library but do not list it. Knock it down and build a new proper town centre which actually has a town centre!
- Not really. No one wants it. No one uses it !
- Pictures & film footage can record the history. Just because something is old doesn't mean it should be preserved. Town centre & Cumbernauld needs a total revamp. It has been neglected for decade's.
- Yes it will be remembered in film and textbooks the world over. But I think that the buildings need to be taken down now
- Do we recognise an eyesore and should we?
- In a time of interpretational exhibition, there is no longer a need for a plaque or a monument. I feel that The birth of Cumbernauld couldn't be better represented than what it is in the film Gregory's girl.
- Retain the history of the building within the library and other points of interest within a new town centre e.g plaques.
- In other records such as photos, videos and so on.
- Make a mural of the old builds in the new improved Centre.
- Best forgotten
- An exhibition
- Re-use parts of the building for the new one make it a part of the 'new town centre' keep it on show and not hidden like most old pieces they already have.



- Photos, plans, videos, social media can all help to contribute to recognition
- Many ways, exhibits, preserving media images, producing a book, photos, a monument or sculpture dedicated to the town centre of old, a new town centre design which incorporates elements of the old.
- Knocking it down would help
- Very biased question which assumes that the building is worthy of architectural and historic interest. It's a 1960# monolith and not an attractive or functional one at that. I would suggest, with all due respect, that historic Scotland and other interested parties would be better served stopping the destruction of beautiful buildings in Glasgow which have true historic interest.
- Take lots of photos and publish them in a book entitled "How Not To Design A Town Centre".
- There are plenty of photos and videos of it already. Archive these in the National Records of Scotland.
- Put up a photographic plaque in the new town centre showing the hideous concrete carbundle that has been replaced by 21st Century steel and glass.
- Some info/picture boards around the new development might be worth doing.
- Education in schools events
- It should be well documented and studied to show future developers how one bad idea can go so far
- Perhaps host an exhibit highlighting the failure of 60's/70's town planning and use this as an example of bad town planning and design.
- Visitor Centre in the regenerated town centre depicting the old building with photos and stories
- Monument, or something similar rendering the history in a newly build, appropriate replacement centre
- Incorporate it in the new building.
- make a model of it and display it in the new centre building for any interested party to see and read about it
- Details could be kept in the library
- No it won't win a carbunkle award so many times. It puts people shopping here and people tend to shop elsewhere its past its function it was created for. Might have been nice and modern when it was first built but you need to move with the times. Its well past its function and should be knocked down and replaced.
- "There exists already a considerable amount of description and analysis of the centre in the architectural press, and in wider circulation.
- This could be helpfully gathered together in a critical summation of the building."
- Photographic record - Brian Millar the Artists work is sorely lost due to a lack of photographic record. Writing a history of Cumbernauld
- I think its significance is already recognised, for good or ill, and I don't think demolition should be seen as any sort of acknowledgment of a "mistake".
- A museum or information centre displaying the history of Cumbernauld, including its architectural development through the years would be a much preferable way to recognise this rather than imposing a structure on the local population that they need to use on a daily basis.



- As i previously said photos of the town centre building through the years, a small minature replica and maps or drawings/paintings could be housed somewhere for visitors or the local community to have access to. This would then be available for future reference without forcing the local community to live with an out of date and unfit shopping centre.
- Pictures and videos
- Through permanent displays of images and local historical documentation
- Anything besides keeping it. It needs torn down.
- The Town Centre has featured in many times in TV programmes as an ugly outdated building. By demolishing this building this would allow regeneration and progression for Cumbernauld as a town.
- Take photos, write about architect, design ideas why it was commissioned to look like it was, shove it into a book to be kept in library for people who are interested to have access to.
- It can live on in pictures or as part of a display in the local museum. It doesn't have to remain to be appreciated.
- Archives
- There could be an exhibition or visitor centre created. There was a display in the library which was interesting but very small. The ideals of brutalist architecture were admirable but ultimately failed. It would be interesting to explore the reasons for that. Was it just that the buildings were made with cheap materials and badly maintained or do we fundamentally crave beauty and reject ugliness.
- Take some photographs of it and put them in a museum before knocking it down.
- "Before it get demolished, lots of data and photos can be taken and kept for future generations to keep and look at.
If the council wish to sell it and for it to be taken apart and rebuilt somewhere far, far away then great. Perhaps in the middle of nowhere, would it be interesting to see if people would flock to it?"
- Take pictures. Remove parts and preserve as a statue if necessary.
- As part of any development a modern library with the history of Cumbernauld documented within it. Also through a modern development an interactive miniature model of the old town centre could be an attraction especially for children.
- A permanent exhibition as part of what would replace the current centre.
- Models, photos etc
- Have a local museum including details of the existing building
- Take pictures of it and put in a museum
- A small museum could be opened to house relevant architecture plans and old relics.
- Incorporate, in a very small way, images/story gallery in the new town centre.
- A small museum showing the history of the new town
- Although I think there are other ways to recognise the architectural and historic interests, I'm not able at the moment to come up with an alternative solution
- Put some pictures in a museum then demolish the lot and build a Town Centre we can be proud of.
- Not sure via photographs.



- A large amount of photographic documentation appears to exist as far as I'm aware; there may be other information in the CDC archives. Preservation of such would be worthwhile, not the building itself.
- Some kind of digital record Virtual reality walk through could be created to preserve a memory of the place/ space without preserving the actual building itself.
- It is already recorded in history as one of the new towns, photographs are all that should be kept.
- "The buildings have been well documented in documentary films over its lifetime. These sources could be brought together and a final survey and photographic record made prior to demolition. There is also an oral history project on Scottish new towns in progress and recent research carried out on the town artist Brian Miller. These could all be curated by HES as an alternative to listing.
The town centre buildings are the main reason the town has been repeatedly awarded the Carbuncle town award. This is exasperating for a town full of interesting domestic architecture and lots of green space. This carbuncle level has been highly stigmatising for Cumbernauld. It is no wonder that the building is so uniformly hated by residents. It is a burden residents should not be expected to carry to satisfy a minority interest in extreme architectural brutalism on the part of people who do not live in the town and certainly do not use it."
- In a museum or publicly accessible exhibition.
- Could create photo and film legacy of the buildings with local communities and individuals recording their experiences over the years as an exhibition/record and not necessarily retain the current structure.
- Take pictures of it before tearing it down. Use the pictures to warn future generations of crackpot architects.
- This. Building will be used as an example for town planners throughout the world and for teaching students of the future.
- Provide a community facility/museum giving educational background for the local and wider population to understand the evolution of the new town
- Don't know!
- Investment and better management would be the first thing. But it should return to a focal point of it's original function and design. A utopian central area from the community to come together.
- "I do believe Canmore is a great place to find information on buildings and structures. You can record much about the building and history.
The V&A have kept part of Robin Hood Gardens ."
- Refurbishment
- There are rumours that Our Lady's High and St Maurice's will be demolished and both will attend a school in this hub. My daughter would be due to attend St Maurice's in 8yrs time. If these schools are amalgamated then we will be forced to move from Cumbernauld to a different authority as this school would be too big and taken in too many varied catchment areas. Please reconsider this.
- An updated version of the original media coverage would help 'Cumbernauldians' at least have another perception than the continuous 'pull it down' etc. view, perhaps if there was a new vision then 'we' could be proud of it once again.
- It already has awards



- Yes. Through research, engagement, public dissemination & celebrations, the learning and avoidance of past approaches can be held up to account. Just because poor value decisions were previously made, shouldn't mean that the past should be wiped away.
- I think the project should be internationally celebrated
- Put a photo or information board in the new town centre after this one is removed.
- I think having a display in whatever replaces it with a model of how it was originally planned to be, some photos of what the town got and possibly keeping names of the "streets" within the centre in any new retail / office / residential areas would be good. Currently the centre is all named after Scottish rivers. Keeping that scheme would be a nod to the past
- I think there are ways to recognise what was initially a building of it's time by thinks like documentation, archives, public artworks and displays.
- With detailed photographic, video and informational archiving, such as on the Canmore database. Universities which study architecture and urban planning may also keep archives of elements relevant to their fields. Perhaps when the building is replaced a public art / history area detailing the old building could be created in an accessible place.
- No!
- Some pieces could be exhibited where appropriate and photographic catalogues for future reference
- Create a museum display once it's been demolished.
- The historic town centre clock and a proper public realm with information boards could be provided once the building is demolished
- Record it all digitally
- move things like the clock to the new building or pay homage to the town centre within new developments, its memory will live on anyway as it's basically scarred people for life with how visually disturbing it is.
- Not needed. Build us a modern shopping centre with good amenities so we can use the area in Cumbernauld instead of having to travel to Glasgow for its shopping centres.
- Have a nod to the existing town centre in the plans for regeneration, this could be murals, pictures used, plaques that depict the old structure etc
- I'm sure parts of walls or structure could be incorporated into a new building and items such as the big clock that was gifted to us but given away without the consent of residents could be used to keep a part of the old town a focal point for future residents
- Photo albums of the buildings before they were knocked down
- Take detailed photographs and video using the most up to date techniques to create a virtual reality exploration of the building for posterity rather than trying to preserve the actual building.
- Please knock it down and start again.
- If deemed necessary dismantle and preserve elements of the structure to build a model. This model together with extensive photos and plans could be displayed in the new town centre hub.
- It was an experiment that failed to serve the purpose for which it was created



- There could be an exhibition on the new site exploring its significance and recording its history for future generations.
- If it really means that much to the masses (which I am 99.99% certain it doesn't,) then perhaps a museum or heritage centre could be incorporated into any new Town Centre plans, to demonstrate what the TC once was, many, many decades ago.
- "Pictures/ paintings / memories/ statues
- What was to what we have now a achieves"
- Modeling and detailed photographic surveys of the structure to be held in a local facility as an example of how not to build town centre facilities
- At risk of repeating myself, it's an eyesore and provides nothing to the ambience of the town.
- Any thing other than that town Centre
- Take a picture and hang it up somewhere.
- yes, make a film that people can access before it is flattened for people to compare to the new development
- Show a picture of before and after the redevelopment!
- Photograph it
- There can be statues or other art landmarks such as the kelpies structures that can represent the building as a centrepiece of a regenerated area
- References, architecturally or artistically perhaps, in any planned redevelopment. Careful and considered documentation of the buildings gathered from sources, including in its current state.
- Demolish it !
- It can be used as an example of something not to do. We all learn from mistakes and it ca be used as something that was supposed to be fit for purpose and really wasn't.
- There is a museum, which would need to be rehoused, within the town centre building. This uses photographs to depict the town and town centre's past. This could easily be expanded to include more photographs of the interior and exterior of the town centre building along with scale models and other sculptures.
- Record photos and video footage only.
- Put a historic feature which can include photos of the town centre in the new hub
- As mentioned above
- Maybe a local museum detailing Cumbernauld history, but definitely not by keeping the current town centre as is.
- Record it in detail digitally to ensure such mistakes in town planning are not repeated.
- The museum within the library is interesting. Perhaps we could extend it to include more about the architecture of the town centre.
- A display in the local museum.
- A photo archive or a small commemorative art installation with photos etc may be of some interest, but beyond that, no.
- You could stick a picture of it up next to the beautiful St Enochs clock that nobody ever sees.
- Take some pictures of it and stick them in an album.
- It is an ugly shambles
- As per previous comment.



- Create a fabulous piece of art to put into the fit for purpose building that would replace this one.
- "Yes, build new, make it something special, make new history for future generations and start being recognised as a town that we can all be proud of.
Aria is an amazing talking point, and is beautiful, more like this would be great."
- Picture library as with all other forms of recognition of town history
- Needs to be started again
- Photos and put in library with other historical things.
- As previously stated, create a space where it's history can be documented and viewed by those interested in it.
- Photographic exhibitions could be put in a new modern Town Centre Civic space to show what it was like .
- Some sort of exhibition within an existing civic facility
- Video record the whole building, including the areas that have been shut off for years and allow people to see it that way. Maybe a virtual reality 3d reconstruction
- Take some photos and make a small museum in the new town centre.
- There are lots of ways. A local museum with pictures and interactive videos of our towns history. Plaques. Information boards. Local interactive walks done through an app.
- There are plenty of records of the building and memories of long-term residents which can be preserved.
- Photographs or books etc.
- It should be demolished, absolutely no recognition given to the current state.
- Cumbernauld theatre
- Yes make it rubble and start again with the same bricks.
- The best way to recognise this architecture is to tear it down and start again condemning the architect whilst doing so.
- Knock it down and forget it ever existed.
- Video and photograph it or remove it and locate in a museum at least in part
- Through historical archives. Show what was envisaged and how it did not meet the dreams of the architects. It became a nightmare for the user.
- photographs/videos etc can be taken and used to show what it once looked like but the building itself does not need to be kept
- I do not know anyone who has any interest in the structure historically. No one 2wn5s to remember it for anything other than comical reasons.
- In local history departments or by creating a museum where photographic/video/ interactive exhibits could be preserved.
- I feel any historic interest the town centre may have is already well documented. There could be ample time before any demolition to make further study/recordings etc of the building.
- Preservation of key features of the building where possible (e.g. the murals in the top corridors and throughout the building; concrete artwork and signage) within a museum or cultural centre. Retention of the Cumbernauld museum and all the materials within in a new cultural or public building. Photographic records of the building. Potential some distinctive features of the building could be reused within a



redevelopment of the site (for example, the portal windows of the penthouse apartments).

- Within the museum/library, achieve for cumbernauld
- A photographic and video record along with interviews etc can be made and kept for future reference.
- Remove the existing megastructure, and replace it with a forward thinking multipurpose space that is inclusive and usable.
- Take plenty of photographs. Study of these should ensure the same mistakes aren't repeated.
- How to demolish it
- I think the residents would prefer that the local country park was reinstated back to its former state with the return of animals, local mining heritage etc. No one wants to look at the town centre any longer
- Yes, take photos of the place and store the pictures in the archives and then rip it down.
- More than enough photographic and written evidence exists to be retained in local and national museums should anyone in future want to review the history of this Town Centre.
- By film and documentation only.
- Retain/improve many of the housing areas, often well thought out, spacious examples of '50s/'60s housing.
- Perhaps photos in a local museum?
- Digitally by all means.
- Create a modern response to the original promotional film "Cumbernauld; a town for tomorrow" demonstrating how the Cumbernauld Town Centre project has failed it's townspeople. A stark demonstration that architecture must always succeed practically as well as aesthetically if it is to be judged a success.
- As has been done in other parts of the authority- Ravenscraig, canal sculptures un Coatbridge etc
- By putting the spotlight on the good that was done in the same place at the same time. In the houses, the neighbourhoods, churches, schools, the paths, the woodlands. The focal point in the centre of town should be something that takes a lead from all of these aspects and not something that continues to distract from them.
- I've also answered this it's not the building . It's the people and community etc
- You should try to expand on community participation like the new allotments
- Paying homage to the brutalist architecture in the updated planning process.
- More public engagement. People are just not aware as they see a dirty unkempt building.
- Give homage to the old in the form of remembrance in the new
- A concrete block with picture is the former centre on each side
- take lots of pictures and put them up in the library with information so those that want to can go and look at it or make a movie
- The photographic and documentary record already exists. If something more publicly tangible is required then a concrete headstone could be erected in loving memory of the pioneering good intentions that have led to hell for the people of the town.



- Keep the clock, that would be enough for us!
- Photographic evidence could be displayed in a prominent location in a new town centre.
- "An interactive museum or visitors centre. Perhaps a part of the building (the part that is most photographed) can be incorporated into a new build.
I would much rather concrete gives away for more concrete than killing even more green space."
- It's a fantastic lesson in what great urban planning could do. Particularly now in the modern, car-centric world. Students in the US have studied it. We should do so here too
- "Digital imagery and planning documents. We already have a museum with this stuff in it.
The people this holds interest for (town planners and architects) don't need to see the physical site in disrepair to understand any significance it may hold."
- The history books.
- Build a new museum to it once its gone. The college building is already listed and provides a better example of the architects work. Using creative and interactive exhibits could allow people views of the original vision that was never met and has been taken or fell down in the case of the hotel. We have the ability for vr data capture that can be cleaned up to the original spec, and this would give access to those who cannot travel to Cumbernauld worldwide, presenting a better vision without removing the rights of the people of Cumbernauld to a facility that meets our needs.
- The architecture is not pleasing, the building doesn't function as required by the community, the infrastructure also needs to be updated
- Have a painting of the journey of the site but change it!
- Keep the clock in well viewed position so it can be admired by everyone. So as to not lose its identity.
- Photograph it, film it, build scale models, take it down section by section and relocate it to the place where the idiot who contacted you to list this icon of hatred and abject misery lives (preferably along with the anti-social individuals it attracts).
- There is an internet and printed academic for these considerations
- Maintain the fabric, replace lifts and escalators to improve accessibility. Put building back to original layout by opening up walkways closed by putting in a gym, improve external appearance and publicise it as a historic and unique centre, the first of its kind.
- Take some pictures and put them in a local library in the hope that future architects learn by previous mistakes
- A wall mural outlining its and the towns history similar to the one in Buchanan Galleries Glasgow
- Keep the clock
- The history of its failure as a town centre should be recorded in pictures. Architects should be reminded the heart of any building design should be its ability to meet its primary objective - not there ego.



- It's surely possible, with the technology available today, to build a virtual model of the centre which could be 'visited' in a museum setting or online. A physical museum could also house a number of physical artefacts from the building.
- Take some photos of it again to show how not to do it. It is an embarrassment to the people of Cumbernauld
- Possibly some form of memorial but for practicalities the town centre cannot be listed and kept in the way it is
- Take pics & videos - then knock it down & start again
- A before and after exhibition once the town centre is renovated! If there's aspects of the old buildings that can be incorporated into the new design in a way that adds to the new development and retains a connection with the vision of the past then brilliant but priority should be given to the success of the renovation over the retention of existing elements.
- Save a couple of bricks and build a mini version of the megastructure to display in the new site. This will preserve the building architecture with actual material used only on a smaller scale.
- The regeneration should look to incorporate the existing town centre building and the original ethos of being able to move freely. It was an inclusive building as the ramps enabled access to all without waiting for lift
- "It is an excellent example of architecture of its time 50s/60s,
- people always complained about the battleship grey building - however it only needed painting much like the blue on it today but much more each part a different compatible pastel color - it would have looked a bit like children's blocks strewn across the field"
- It could be digitally recorded to allow future study.
- It should be celebrated.
- Yes, see my previous answers. A new town centre with a clear focal point for the town, i.e. a town square or high street, are badly needed to assist with local economy. However it should not be at the expense of the town's history, and so whatever solution is arrived at, it should incorporate a range of historical features - e.g. parts/shells of buildings that can be repurposed, artefacts should be used as design features, and a museum should be included to recognise the architectural, social and other historical significances of the old design/town.
- You could get Michael Portillo to do a programme about it.
- "I am sure there must be but not aware of specific ways.
Obviously on-line library and heritage sites collate info in form of photos /videos...but these are not the same as a living 'museum' piece."
- Use videos of the centre, keep them in the museum where they belong
- In print or mini structure as part of any new development.
- I think Cumbernauld is a town with a lot more to offer.
- History and heritage from bygone centuries is more important regarding knowledge of Cumbernauld
- Use the original structural drawings to create an art piece.
- Have a digital gallery perhaps a scale model in a museum
- Photographs, original film of when the Town Centre was opened



- Aye delete all evidence of it unless it is to teach other architects what to NEVER EVER do
- Photographic evidence.
- "This is hilarious.
What band of school maws with no job proposed this?"
- I am not interested in Cumbernauld's architecture or history as it's not as significant as Glasgow or Edinburgh we are just a town on the outskirts of other major historic areas
- Please demolish this building. It has always been unwelcoming, depressing, non user friendly, difficult to access and frankly deserving of its carbuncle moniker.
- I don't think it has any historical interest. It's just a big mistake.
- Just demolish it and build something the town can actually be proud of.
- Photos, models could be made . People could share memories from when it was first build and how it was originally used. It could be made into an exhibition of new towns, Archive material could be shared too. Local schools Could research and use the creative arts to celebrate its original history. Maybe parts could become sculptures in the new space placed.
- It is a horrific eyesore and should not be considered as a listed building
- A New Town museum, which focuses heavily on the architecture of the centre and the unique way the town was planned would be a great idea. Hopefully this is pursued.
- Perhaps through Condorrat and Cumbernauld Village which are of more historic interest.
- Put pictures of it in a museum, but please do not make people live with it for a second longer than they need to.
- Could there be a part of it saved and made useful.
- If folk want to remember it take a photo & create an archive but there's no need to keep the building
- Historic Scotland have ignored the building for years - a plan for the future of the Building that is deliverable with clear benefits for the Town would save the Centre.
- Some photography / artwork of the unique architecture could be taken and used within any new centre. The building itself does not need to remain there to allow people to continue to enjoy and remember the uniqueness of the space.
- Maintain the listing of the original college building. A conservation area would not be appropriate given the vast new build development
- Memorials within a new building, pictures and items speak a thousand words
- There are multitudes of ways we could preserve the history of the town centre. Models, pictures, books, museums, art... if there are people who truly care about this building in the way that they do, ask them to preserve whatever knowledge they see in these formats just like humanity has done for countless centuries and continues to do. As a society and a group of people, we need to be realistic, we aren't preserving something spectacular here. A majority of people will not miss it.
- Incorporate a part of the old structure in the new buildings with a display explaining it's significance.



- Create some modern, high quality facilities and reflect some of the architectural themes but ONLY if appropriate. Otherwise, be honest and reflect that sometimes what seemed like a good idea at the time turns out not to be.
- Remember it in history books or by looking at photos if it interests you
- Cumbernauld Library already has a Town Centre exhibit. This is sufficient.
- Keep records & photographs
- Pictures, video, books and information in the library/museum could recognise the architectural and historical interest
- Possibly the more interesting features of the structure could be retained and incorporated into any new development.
- "Take lots of photos/ written references (perhaps Cumbernauld Development Corporation records) and place in the library or in any archive which students or researchers could access."
- Perhaps a "display" or model showing what we used to have with advice to look around now to see what we've now got.
- As per comments above
- Make virtual tours take photos and media that could go online for people to view/learn from.
- Im sure you can find other ways to show history
- In a museum
- Pull it down and replace it with something that works
- We have pictures that is enough . It is horrible even back then we can look back and view it as such
- Turn it into restaurants with all round view rooftop restaurants with glazing all round
- Pictures and models
- Can have pictures around of the building and still parts of its structure to recognise how good it was when it was built.it was famous for its clock but wher is that?
- Add a section to cumbernauld museum. Document it well. Get statements from locals and people who worked there. But move on. Bring this town into 2022
- Take a picture and frame it on a wall of any new build in its place, it's ugly and needs to be flattened.
- Photographs and documentation
- See earlier comments,cover all.
- Perhaps have a little museum of how Cumbernauld started and how it didn't work.
- Knocking the building down would be doing it a favour.
- Photos
- I'm sure there are but I dont know what
- Demolish the Town Centre.
- Build a real town centre. One that people can actually use and be proud of.
- Recognise it in the history books of Cumbernauld and archive it. No need to keep it as tangible evidence.
- A gallery, museum with the new build - which should not be a big box and should not have a school. Somewhere that people can reminisce about the glory days when town centre housed great shops, restaurants and delicatessens.



- "Produce a digital archive of the town centre to include both the architectural drawings, photos but also to capture peoples memories of using the centre, to have a record of its architectural and social impact on Scotland. You could even commission a replica of the original model to be placed in the new public library. The obsolete and not fit for purpose building does not have to be retained as long as we have a record of its existence and a critical appraisal of its impact."
- Photograph it. This will allow lessons to be learned.
- I have said yes because I am sure there are ways this could happen but I don't know what they are
- The information that is currently held by the Cumbernauld Museum in the Cumbernauld Library brings to life the original vision for the town centre and a new way of living for the post-war generations. In my opinion, this is a brilliant resource and tells the story of Cumbernauld as a new town in an informative and engaging way.
- With modern technology the building can be photographed videoed 3D model etc. The building shouldn't have to be listed or remain standing to recognise the history.
- There have been films made in the past of Cumbernauld and how it was developed. Recognising the building as part of this has been done, but acknowledging that it failed to deliver is also important
- Photos and videos/films exist - that is enough.
- Archiving and documenting- 3d virtual systems..... but a lot of the wow effect if the brutalist architecture has been lost by "improvements"
- Photography.
- Photographs - End of.
- Have a memorial plaque and replace it with something nice.
- The entire building should be filmed, photographed and perhaps a model built to show how Cumbernauld once was. Any new buildings should be architecturally modern and pay homage to the past whilst updating the entire town centre
- Photographs and a permanent exhibition in the library
- Possibly by taking as many digital images as possible and displaying them in some manner in an area of any rebuilt centre. If there is an interest then they could go and view it.
- I am sure historians could draw up plans how this could be recognised for the people in Cumbernauld now and for the future residents
- Take pictures for an archive
- A plaque would be suffice. Cumbernauld needs a town centre to compete with other towns and currently it is sadly nowhere near it.
- "Photographs
Exhibitions showing its history"
- Few would. The day it stood finished - ready, yes Architects were praised for its ingenuity - but you can be sure they didn't live in it, from which time it continued downhill. The Law Of Entropy"
- Promotion by the current owners and NLC to make this a genuine hub and important part of the community.



- "As a member of the GIA we are currently exploring ways to gather the body of information held on the building and to organise an architectural competition to seek ideas for its future.
An immediate action should be to create digital point cloud scans of the building as a record of its current condition and support the creation of an accurate digital twin. That would be a useful resource for exploring the material aspects of the building, future developments and interventions or worst case scenario act as a digital record if the building is demolished."
- The souvenir booklet of Cumbernauld. The museum in the library.
- Organise professional photography to capture the building & then display them in the new town centre.
- As I've said before a detailed photographic survey should be carried out just prior to demolition
- Take photographic records before demolition.
- Perhaps a picture gallery in the new hub displaying the town centre through the ages.
- Could be more put into cumbernauld along with new town centre would attract more people
- "Photos or a plaque citing where the structure once stood and it in better times of the 60s, 70s or 80s.
It is a poor relation to other new towns and their shopping areas."
- If listing now seems too controversial or high-profile, I would like to propose as an alternative that the Phase 1 / Phase 2 complex should be designated a conservation area, which would carry the same protection against demolition and which I understand is within the powers of HES (although normally a local-authority matter)
- Use this building to educate the wider public about a building, its use, importance which goes beyond how something looks from the outside.
- Photographic evidence.
- I don't think there's any chance it will avoid demolition without being listed, sadly.
- Create a museum of the city, or similar
- HES Test (D McDowell)
- Film and video for future reference!
- Get your hands in your pockets and fix it up, redesign and change where feasible. Allow the shops that cumbernauld want, make rent more affordable for small businesses, stop making promises of things such as cinemas, etc and actually make it work for the ones who live and work in cumbernauld
- Use pictures and stories of how NOT to build a town centre and community
- "There are three main Green spaces in Cumbernauld. Lets include these in Cumbernauld development. They are all tired and do not get support from the Local authority or at least there are no encouragement for development.
Cumbernauld Community Park:
Cumbernauld House Park
Palacerigg Country Park
Lets get a better transport hub and cycle path joining all these spaces."
- Ghastly mistake



- Photos, 3d modelling, video - consign to the history books as an example of how not to design an eco, people friendly, town centre.
- Icon of brutalist architecture
- By rebuilding a bigger and better town centre
- "Preservation through documentation. There are already extensive records on the building which could be added to with a final photographic survey, pulling together original documents etc.
- Any features that may be worth saving, such as the few sculptures that are left could be incorporated into the new designs for the Town Centre."
- Yes, photographic and film history, art projects, documentaries, recording of stories and archive of documents

Q.12 - Anything else

Is there anything else you would like to add? - Anything else

- Yes (783)
- No (1304)

Is there anything else you would like to add? - If 'Yes', please explain your answer in the box below:

- If the town centre is demolished and the new hub replace it, it will also mean the tryst sports centre and link community centre will also be demolished and people mostly young people will have nowhere to go.
- If the centre is demolished, please return the St Enoch Station clock to Glasgow - it would be a fantastic addition to Queen Street Station. I would be keen to see any redevelopment employ a more human scale with a real attempt made at placemaking, designing and building proper streets to allow Cumbernauld to become a more human and urban part of Greater Glasgow.
- "Many buildings reach an age where their functional use and economic benefits fail to provide for the owners and users. Restrictions applied such as Listing which do not allow change to meet new uses and opportunities are not appropriate, unless tested fully.
Validation using more than altruism is required being pragmatic is a responsibility which should be shouldered appropriately."
- The Town Centre is no longer fit for purpose and the building is an eyesore. It has had the dubious honour of being voted 'Britain's most hated building' in 2005 and twice has been named 'Scotland's worst town centre' by the Carbuncle Awards. It is now time for the megastructure to be demolished and allow the people of Cumbernauld the pleasure of a new vision for the Town Centre.
- Keep up the good work.
- I am well aware that the building is in need of some renovations. It's not really fit for purpose as it is. Work must be done. But simply demolishing the whole building isn't the way to go. A new Centre for the town must be built and the town centre need



investment. But the remaining parts of the Original Centre must be incorporated into any new build, not simply just cleared away.

- Please don't tear our history down.
- Although I think the town centre should be a listed building. I believe that certain sections should be demolished during modernising and other areas should be maintained and preserved with any new buildings built around the existing parts. For example, the section which I believe held penthouses (often referred to as submarine on stilts etc) should stay as it is iconic and perhaps the most recognisable building in Cumbernauld. It would need some restoration work done to make it a bit more aesthetically pleasing and the cheap paint job on lower sections etc redecorated. I have always loved living in Cumbernauld and probably always will, the town centre is the heart of the town and although it has not been maintained properly through the years, I think given some restoration and a little modernising, along with the iconic imagery of the building, it will be integral in the town thriving in the future.
- Councillors and town planners pass through, this decision will destroy a heritage and make Cumbernauld a box city.
- In the main the people who want this destroyed have no taste
- I object to something that is an example of modern thinking being destroyed to replace it with dull factory type units
- I've lived in Cumbernauld all of my life (50+vat). The oldest part of the town centre isn't the most attractive of buildings. Lack of investment & NLC reluctance to inject any monies have greatly affected this iconic building. If progress is to rip it down, start again I'm totally opposed to that. It is a huge part of what makes Cumbernauld unique. Yeah, we don't have fabby shops but we're not Livingstone are we. It makes more economic sense to work with what we have than discard it surely.
- Do not let this building become like Robin Hood Gardens. Modernist buildings are under threat. There are not many in Scotland and nothing like this. It needs protected. It needs re-imagined and it needs taken out of the responsibility of the local council who do not possess the ambition or experience to handle a project like this. Scotland's agencies must step in.
- The people of Cumbernauld live near it. It's up to them.
- See box 1.
- In any further stages of this consultation the fact that the town centre is meant to be a 'Town centre' not a shopping centre.
- I think it is interesting to put the town centre into the wider historical landscape. Would residents have had similar views of Cumbernauld and Castle cary Castle and how S then Cumbernauld is still a key strategic geographical location as it was then
- There is a misconception that to be a great town centre it has to be shiny and new, in this case the original idea could be taken forward in a way that preserves the original part of the building.
- We can't have another loss comparable to St Enoch station.
- The Town Centre structure is integral to the town. I recognise that maintaining it may be challenging but for the generations who grew up in Cumbernauld its absence on the skyline



- It needs to be maintained restored it was everything Homes, retail, health, social it was sold and left to rot
- "The criticisms of the centre are mainly that it's an "eyesore"
I don't think that is at all relevant
The other criticisms of it falling into disrepair are easily solved ... repair it
And "not being fit for function" is irrelevant, as the social function of shopping has changed to an online experience
The Centre was much more than just shops, and can be refunctioned to still serve the communities need"
- I appreciate that the materials used in the original mega structure are problematic and potential unsavable but if the V & A can save a section of the Robin Hood Estate because they acknowledge the cultural and historic importance of this period of architecture then I think Cumbernauld Town Centre deserves the same. Whether it is possible to preserve the building or retro fit it to make it fit for purpose but demolishing it seems harsh and not without cost. The environmental impact for one, all that carbon being released. I grew up in Cumbernauld in the 60's and 70's and the Town Centre was everything, a hilltop cornucopia, it had its faults, it was windy and uphill regardless where you lived in the town but it wasn't a bland box mall like the Antonine Centre or Phase 4 that was tacked on to the side. Once there was no Development Corporation in charge and free market capitalism took hold the decline was inevitable, lots about the building didn't work: the penthouses, the lifts sometimes, the roof but it was a unique space with ramps to run up and down, Scan bookshop that sold fresh coffee, a swinging boutique called Dip and many small businesses like The Vineyard and The Candelabra that served the community. We never got the Marks & Spencer's that was often rumoured to be coming, probably just as well as even that mighty behemoth is closing high street stores. Maybe the Town Centre could be reimagined as a place for small local businesses again, a community space accessible to all, reclaim the optimism that was The Town For Tomorrow.
- Don't knock it down!
- There are and have been many ill-informed and simply incorrect statements made about Cumbernauld Town Centre. Simple statements about personal views on the current appearance of the building should not be given credence. Substantive arguments should be proposed, and these should reflect upon the historic facts about the building and not simply personal views about aesthetics or the desire to have something different in its place. It is easy to be critical in a negative way, but the substance and importance of all areas should be considered in an appropriate way and not influenced by shallow argument.
- "I moved to Cumbernauld in 1993 and still live opposite the town centre. I love the architecture.
I feel the cost to the environment and community will be too harsh for Cumbernauld to handle if the town centre is demolished. I also worry the council will ""run out"" of money and we will be left with massive job losses and no town centre.
I don't understand why people do not appreciate the history they have on their doorstep and always want new things."
- Better bus service to encourage people to try not bringing cars. Do away with constant parking fines especially to people with blue badges. Some shoe shops, clothes shops



and at least one plus size shop to save having to go as far as Braehead and try and keep some heart in the town centre and bit of music

- Please do not destroy the old town centre. Build newer buildings and improve the surrounding area, of course, but maintain the old with the new.
- I feel that the opportunity to rescue the centre has passed but recognising it for what it was meant to be is important. Also attempting to influenced its replacement with something more than retail shadiness involving Scottish architects and builders should be a major consideration.
- Not at the moment. Thank you for listening to my feedback.
- I don't think knocking it down to build houses will help the area - once it's gone there will be no chance of regaining the space for shopping that we desperately need
- I made a special pilgrimage to visit it once I was aware of its significance, very much the sort of development that I thought was the way to go when I was at college in 1970.
- It's a lovely building and only needs modernised not torn down like nlc want to do with it.
- This is a very specific and unusual case for a building to be restored and retained externally with internal modifications that will be very substantial to achieve a continuing relevance in the 21st Century. The loss of this building will be significant to the history and future of Cumbernauld. Equally where we are in the climate crisis means we need to do much more by way of adaptive re-use rather than demolish and rebuild. This is a good case to demonstrate that this is the way forward in construction.
- I think it's easy for a lot of people to criticize this potential listing status. I think there have been a lot of bad decisions and false promises made regarding retail development in the area. However, Cumbernauld has a huge population and I'm sure most people would support good quality retailers of a new mall was built. I think there is a unique opportunity here to restore and develop the current town centre building in the way The Barbican in London has been successful
- I lived in Cumbernauld for over 30 years and understand the controversial nature of the building; people deserve better than the neglect this structure has suffered for the past decades and are in dire need of appropriate services for a town the size of this. I am strongly in favour of retaining and listing the building, partly due to my experiences of the building and also for environmental reasons: the concrete structure is perfectly re-usable and represents an enormous investment of embodied energy and carbon. It is enormously wasteful to destroy this when, in a time of climate crisis, our first principle should be to retain and re-use.
- "Please please please only list this building if the plan is to turn the inside back into its original 1960/70 decor so it can truly be a piece of Scottish history. And remove the horrendous blue colour and return it to the original concrete"
- Although only 55 years old, Cumbernauld town centre has a heritage understood by many in the town, a history of myriad experiences by the individuals who have used it and is known and celebrated across the globe. Those experiences are embedded in the fabric, the shape, the uniqueness of the structure. These attributes should be protected, and this is best done through listing.
- "I worked in the original Market Hall in 1995-1999, in a tiny unit on the corner. I spent time in the storage/work rooms adjacent to the loading bays one up from the bus stations. This place was dominated by Mary, a sort of market hall matriarch famed for her no-nonsense attitude and for selling the children of Cumbernauld their school



uniforms! I worked in a florist there. Although cumbersome to use the network of goods lifts and back corridors, it was fascinating to realise how goods moved largely unseen through the building.

I understand much animosity from residents about the building and how it seems to have let them down. I do think, however, it would be naive to expect anything worthy or memorable from an NLC redevelopment. I feel like the embarrassment of living with the 'carbuncle' eyesore perception shouldn't get in the way of stripping back and recalibrating what could be a standout architectural destination for Cumbernauld, Scotland and the UK."

- The megastructure is a fine and impressive building that has unfortunately become the symbol for the many problems that Cumbernauld New Town has.
- In my view, the building is still very functional and could be adapted to meet changing needs under the guidance of listing requirements
- through adaption and alteration to the building complex throughout its lifetime it has lost much of its architectural integrity. Its current appearance does not match the architectural intent, and hence probably splits opinion on how it contributes to the landscape. Careful undoing of earlier un-informed alterations, and sensitive and respectful adaption can return this dignity and make it valued again by the community. It is too an important architectural technological breakthrough building for it to be removed. The associated embodied carbon must be factored into considerations.
- Scotland's new towns offered a fresh start to many families as they escaped the squalor of Glasgow. This and their unique infrastructure and architecture deserves national recognition.
- I grew up in Cumbernauld. The town centre was a fascinating maze of a place that seemed a symbol of a promising future.
- Cumbernauld town centre is a significant architectural form and spatial organisation. It is unique with its various levels and flow of ramp connections. I grew up in Cumbernauld and have fond memories of roller skating down the ramps (and trying to avoid the security guards who chased us off ;)). Very clever organisation of shopping, office, living spaces and architecturally inspirational. Gill Smith, architect.
- This is our story. Do not demolish it and build a shrine to bland, soulless consumerism.
- "I find it difficult to comprehend that demolition and replacement with characterless blocks is still seen as the most favourable option by many. I feel this often has a tie in with building firms and the huge profits they make from new builds.
When I first saw Cumbernauld town centre I was struck by its individuality and its unique character. I feel that with care and love it could be a stunning building - not necessarily attractive but arresting and unforgettable."
- I would be satisfied if even part of the structure was listed. For example, the iconic penthouses with the original stage one of the development.
- Worked for Cumbernauld Development Corporation for 20 years and knew every part of it. loved all the different architecture be it housing or business.
- "Better to have tried and not been successful, than never to have tried at all At least the architects saw a part of their vision come to fruition. Let's hope it can be saved if only as nan encouragement to other visionaries.
Thank you for giving me an opportunity to express my opinion on this issue. HG"
- Please preserve this great building.



- My attitude to conservation has been in part that if you cannot replace a building, facility organisation, or organism by something that is better, then an improvement should be based around the original idea and the original should be retained and adapted. History of this area has shown that we are to date incapable of a coherent strategy for such reuse instead surrounding it by third rate retail outlets. Themselves of limited opportunity.
- What would be the alternative to serve the New Town?
- "The outdoor escalators I mentioned previously are now blocked up by HamCap (supposedly for repairs that have lasted over 5 years), the centre owners. Access to the St Enoch Clock (which is at risk if the original building is demolished) is also restricted by HamCap.

The council does not have a great record for keeping architecturally significant art in the town.... there used to be a monolith statue on the footpath between what is now Asda and what was the ten-pin bowling alley. The council demolished it to rearrange the path to accommodate the Asda store car park.

An ornamental structure that was unveiled by Princess Margaret has lost its stand and sits unceremoniously at one entrance to the Antonine Shopping Centre."

- It is extremely wasteful to demolish the centre. In this time of environmental crises, we need to reduce all waste and all building work that is unnecessary. The plans look more like a vanity project for the proposer rather than a good idea.
- Please knock it down
- This building is one of a kind and for it to have even a chance of becoming a listed building is an amazing opportunity and just shows that people do still care for this historic building.
- The town centre has been mismanaged for years and needs a 21st century upgrade for the people of Cumbernauld to enjoy.
- The elephant in the room is the fact that to demolish Cumbernauld Town Centre would be a significant waste of the embodied carbon of the structure. When there is a clear move to now 're-purpose first', retaining the structure is a real opportunity to show what can be done to re- habilitate it, but perhaps more importantly, to change the public perception of an iconic brutalist design. We should not underestimate that this is something which the community have strong views on but there-in lies a challenge that today's designers can address and an opportunity to show the way for others in Scotland and be part of an important change internationally in how we view our built resources.
- I grew up nearby Cumbernauld Town Centre from around 1973 - 1988. So, I spent an awful lot of my life there. I could write a book about those growing experiences in that building! I've already had the hospital I was born in (Belvedere, East Glasgow) knocked down. My first street (McEwan Street, East Glasgow) knocked down, my primary school, Muirfield, Cumbernauld, turned into a centre of some kind, and Cumbernauld High knocked down also. Please don't take another part of my life away!
- As the best example of modern living Cumbernauld is important it should be saved and properly maintained as well as managed. Many modernists and brutalist developments have been lost through poor management and been allowed to demonstrate to the point where people call for demolition. In many cases the structures have been allowed to deteriorate to a point that saving them is not practicable. It would be abhorrent if the best example is allowed to fall to the wrecking ball while something less worthy ends up being saved just because it's the last one standing.



- Please keep our centre not all new is good
- The toonie is only on a state because a decades of mismanagement. This is a chance to put things right.
- "I would argue that the rest of the town would not make sense without its 'heart' and 'brain' - the innovative road and pathways systems, the flow of the areas to the centre, Perhaps the whole of the original area of Cumbernauld should be included in the designation? The geography and the careful architecture of the housing is an integral part of it all. It was designed as a whole entity.
In any case, there needs to be some respect and grace afforded it - it is a monument to a specific, never to be repeated, moment in time, and as such must be protected and made tribute to.
Designation as a site of special architectural interest would be an important step in recognising its place in the history of architecture in Scotland (and in the world). Where else would you find a socially motivated citadel on a meadowed plateau that le Corbusier saw fit to mention? Please do not let the national, indeed, worldwide significance of this structure go unrecognised and unsupported."
- "Leave our home alone..... This is our town....
Have our council spend money on essentials like grass cutting and waste management...
Not knocking down iconic buildings so that they can have a private builder (which they no doubt have private investment in) taking millions in our tax money to make something we don't like....
Its stupidity and anyone who supports it does not understand how to correctly manage money. Which is probably why North Lanarkshire council are so badly rated at the moment"
- Please save the town centre
- "As I have said I think there is merit in retaining the structure in part incorporating it into any new build.
Many of those against listing are under the belief that the current plans are to have a new shopping centre akin to Livingston or silver burn. The fact is they are in my opinion being misled and there would be little new retail involved. They are being led to believe that the only way to get improvements are demolition"
- The plans that North Lanarkshire have put forward do not replace the Town Centre in any way shape or form We would be losing important services and facilities.
- Trying to quietly push through the demolition of the town centre is a mistake for future generations of the town.
- I was shocked to find the building was being considered for demolition, I see this building as equally important to the UK architectural history as London Southbank - which is now an incredible, interesting, and provocative building used and loved by many. Imagine if this building has been demolished and replaced by a non-distinct, 20-year lifespan modern structure. I really hope a more creative approach can be taken to help preserve such an interesting unique building which represents utopianism in design, something hard to illustrate in much urban contemporary design.
- As some of the major significant modern buildings in Scotland are either in ruins, abandoned or have been demolished this is a critical moment to not let this happen again and establish an important sense of the value of modern architecture and modern history as of critical cultural and social value.



- Yes, the town centre was a first in many aspects i.e., first time an elevator covering 2 floors. Lots of publicity. Penthouse flats, district court, library, and shops all in the same building. again, Council is wanting to rebuild but I think they are using the same plans
- What did I love about the building - the pleasing colours and shapes and surface textures of the materials - very tactile interior - bold design. Repetitions and variations (of the long oblong ceramic wall tiles, for example). Running up the various floors on the long sloping ramps (very accessible for prams, mobility scooters etc). The fabulous black rubber flooring with the indented circle pattern or the stripes (iconic industrial design echo). The way it catered for children, with things to clamber over and under and lots of stimulating visual interest. The wonderful library - bring back the stylish teak tables with the black metal frames please! And the angular metal frame chairs. I learned to read in the children's, library which is still recognisable - yay! I loved looking out the large windows when it got dark early, in wintertime and I was studying for my Highers, for going to Uni. Everyones favourite, Scan Bookshop, for all books, art supplies (ROtring pens!) and the coffeshop upstairs - a plain pine staircase leading to sophistication....There was the Abetone for chips at lunchtime, the Coop where we got our school uniforms and white knee-high socks (they gave out turquoise coloured stamps which parents saved up to buy stuff there), Fabricland where my mother bought material for maxi-skirts and summer dresses, record shops, jewellers, furniture shops, supermarkets - there were once many but nothing beat Scan Bookshop, for me. You can still walk to the Town Centre in 20 mins from most of Cumbernauld and there are still regular busses so the transport infrastructure is there - bring back the interesting places to encourage people to it and it can thrive again. The architecture is distinctive and much loved by those who saw it at its best. List and restore the Town Centre - encourage visitors from Europe. Get it in the guidebooks.
- I think it's disappointing that for all environmental efforts to push forward as a culture thing continue to be discarded in favour of progress.
- Public money should be used to create something special out of this building. Architectural competition could be held with input from the community.
- "Make it a place that folks want to come too
Keep it simple.
Keep it clean
Make sure it's environmentally friendly"
- "Demolition of structures like this are an extraordinary waste of resources and just result in new buildings which will in due course also be dispensed with.
The effort being expended at present to demolish the old Royal Bank Computer building in Fettes Row, Edinburgh, is a case in point. It has taken months so far and only around half of the building has been removed. It is an obvious case where an alternative use should have been found for the building, but the developer was hell bent on starting afresh.
Our planet cannot sustain such a waste of resources."
- Having grown up in Cumbernauld within walking distance of the Town Centre, it was always like a giant friend and playground. When the building was maintained, it was beautiful and welcoming. It's often said that it is difficult to navigate, which after lots of modifications is undeniably true, but before that it was forward thinking with many ramps and clearly designated 'phases. The Town Centre has always been beautiful and fascinating to me, the pinnacle being the library at the top. The Town Centre probably



prompted my interest in and appreciation in brutalist architecture, which despite the claims of others, I find great examples in Scotland to actually be dwindling and not plentiful.

- Please consider how we could promote the local history and culture to engage our children and youth to appreciate what we have and to care for it.
- For 40 years there has been a lack of investment which has resulted in the catastrophic destruction of the original visionary attempts of architects and town planners to create a new and unique identity at the heart of the town. It would be a travesty we're it to be pulled down by the very council who created the 'carbuncle'. Maybe that's been the plan from the beginning?
- The residents of Avon Walk formed a very small sociable community. It was a really fun place to live. Most of us came from other parts of the UK and we loved our split-level homes
- I would like to see Cumbernauld get investment and develop an outdoor area of promenade and shops. If you want to knock down anything, then we should be getting rid of the ugly metal sheds built alongside the original centre that house a roller rink and home stores. That area could be regenerated to be outdoor shopping precinct and compliment the brutalist architecture of the original design.
- I am glad you are doing this. Good luck with your efforts.
- If listed and saved, it will still need imagination and a wider plan done for the whole centre of the area. Use local students, designers and architects to put their ideas forward, there is great potential
- You could still add modern office blocks and a visitors' centre, as well as luxury flats.
- I want to reiterate my point about embodied carbon - I do think the structure has architectural and historical interest, but even more so I think that if we allow its wholesale destruction, we won't be able to look future generations in the eye, especially if it's replaced with some shoddy development that only has a 20 year lifespan, which very much appears to be the case. Another Buchanan Galleries? No thanks.
- it would be good to retain the penthouses and the old town centre and incorporate within the new hub but get rid of the rest nothing joins its too many sections or phases
- This building should be re-used, rather than demolished. Demolition is an unacceptable act in the context of the climate crisis.
- If the centre could be further altered to bring it back in spirit closer to the original concept, for instance something to enliven its silhouette as originally envisaged, it would be great. But I realise that is unlikely to be achievable.
- The environmental impact of destroying and rebuilding is shocking. We need to preserve our built heritage. This is an award-winning building which is globally recognised, studied, and cherished. The damage done through poor retrofits and poor maintenance should be a crime.
- Cumbernauld and its centre epitomise the 'Brave New World' spirit of the time. It was a shame that no more mark 2 new towns were built. Next came the prairie-style Milton Keynes, for our sins.
- "I enjoy social history and popular culture, and, in the grand scheme, Cumbernauld Town Centre was a great concept that was poorly implemented. I am a resident and I think the town centre has been in decline for decades, but I'm old enough to remember when it was busy and enjoyed focal points such as The St Enoch Clock.



The architecture has always stood out and on Open Doors Day a few years ago I was fortunate to visit the penthouse flats at the very top of the structure. Yes, they are also poorly maintained, and you could see the neglect in the entire building but wow! It confirmed to me that this building is so unique with a very unusual history that should be protected."

- Have the good sense to launch a design competition that addresses to what extent the building can be retained in a meaningful way. If the invitation yields no responses, you have your answer. If it does yield responses, you might find a way of being able to retain it.
- I would like to see public planning policy that has led to years of neglect turned around so that a potentially amazing public project, a project in the public realm, can be restored to its former glory. The problem is that Cumbernauld Town Centre does not conform to contemporary models for private finance. So, the underlying issues are long term and much broader than simply listing, which is a preventative measure. In this sense, listing is a holding pattern until new models for public finance can be developed.
- I enjoy the principle that the shops and some facilities are indoors so as to provide shelter from the wind and rain, due to the town centre being built on a hilltop.
- I visited this building as a child, a teenager and an adult. Being from Cumbernauld and having this building remain standing ensures memories and stories continue to be told and the history of a "new town" does not disappear.
- Environmental considerations. Refurbishment and reuse will always be more environmentally sustainable than demolition, especially given the high embodied carbon content of the structure.
- If we destroy the town centre, then it would be a travesty. Even if you put pictures, history etc in a designated museum people would show little interest. Museums are dwindling and to exemplify this I can draw your attention to a small one about the Antonine wall based in Croy many years ago. Little interest was shown, and it was moved. Don't tear down a building for cosmetic reasons.
- Moved to Cumbernauld in the 50's. grew up there, married etc etc. It was a great place to live, work, grow. Until the work dried up then the backside dropped out of it. (Moved to Canada) At the time the town centre was different from other new towns and it had a lot of good points.
- The add on to the Town Centre has compromised its architectural intent.
- I feel this iconic building must be preserved not just for the importance of Cumbernauld, but for Scotland in general. Historically this is a great example of the innovative ideas of that time when New Towns were built in post-war Scotland to accommodate our overcrowded cities and growing population. This building has continued to attract architects and students throughout the world for many years and hopefully this allowed to continue. This Town Centre has been neglected for many years and like any building without the proper maintenance gradually falls into a state of disrepair. Architectural structures like this are of significant importance and if the bulldozers are to be allowed in this almighty building will be gone forever only to be remembered by a photograph.
- The immense amount of embodied carbon in the structure should not be squandered just because some people don't like the look of it. It has been estimated that the replacement process would emit at least 50,000 tonnes of CO2 even with modern building techniques and materials. The building holds great potential for reuse and modernisation through radical refurbishment with insulation, new services



infrastructure, even new layouts and daylighting, but essentially keeping the old bones to build on.

- I have been visiting the town centre for decades, it is a good and safe place. Rather than demolition, adaptations can breathe new life to it.
- "There is currently no publicly available evidence to demonstrate that the carbon cost of demolishing Cumbernauld Town Centre has been addressed. At half a mile long and eight storeys high, it takes little effort to imagine the massive environmental impact the demolition of this building would have. Cumbernauld Town Centre is constructed entirely of concrete. The average embodied carbon value of concrete is 100kg per tonne (<https://www.concretecentre.com/Performance-Sustainability/low-energy-buildings/Embodied-carbon.aspx>).

North Lanarkshire Council have committed to reducing their carbon footprint (<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/news/making-strides-reducing-our-carbon-footprint>).

Historic Environment Scotland have published a Climate Action Plan and declared a climate emergency (<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/about-us/what-we-do/climate-change/climate-action-plan/>).

It is therefore incumbent on both the local authority and HES to do what they can to reduce the carbon cost of this building. Part of that should involve a focus on retention where possible.

Many will counter the listing of this building by saying Cumbernauld needs modern facilities and amenities; that the Centre is cumbersome and inflexible; that historic lack of investment has driven the Centre into the ground. I believe the listing of Phase 1 (and possibly Phase 2) of Cumbernauld Town Centre would prove these to be red herrings. The building's design is flexible and was in fact intended to adapt to change. Copcutt explicitly stated that 'Provision for the future can be made in four ways: firstly, by rearranging the interior; secondly, by ensuring a considerable space factor of safety within the planned extent of the town centre; thirdly, by allowing the centre to expand 400ft at each end over its own vehicular apparatus which is arranged within a structural grid; and finally, by reserving sites for completely unknown and unforeseen uses with special buildings sited alone on either the north or south faces of the structure and linked back to the decks' (Copcutt 1963, 210).

This flexibility has been undermined by subsequent adjacent developments to Phase 1 that are incompatible with (and in some cases the complete opposite of) its layout. The demolition (or 'removal', as NLC have carefully phrased it) of these, with a retained Phase 1, would allow for the flexibility of the megastructure to be realised as part of a wider scheme providing what facilities the town needs.

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- "The Centre is in much need of restyling.
A safer, easily accessed bus terminus would be very beneficial."
- "It's frustrating to see moves for demolition. The purchase cost and cost of demolition would be better spent of retrofitting it and building lots of affordable and social housing and other needed facilities. It is not current global thinking to demolish where there are sensible alternatives. It is built mainly of reinforced insitu concrete so the carbon and wastage cost, transportation off site , landfill or crushing/reuse would be astronomical and in today's age absolutely unnecessary.
The British population has a poor understanding, appreciation and education in design of all forms and especially architecture.
If demolished, future generations would regard demolition as a mistake. It could never be rebuilt."
- "Other buildings in Scotland have been improved externally to huge success. I'm thinking of the Skypark in Finnieston.
While I appreciate the structure, with very elderly parents I find the multiple level and footprint of the current town centre awkward and difficult to navigate with a wheelchair."
- Demolish the building in its entirety
- Not Answered
- Whilst I think public discussion is important, I find it strange that HES is asking the public their views of the structure's historic and architectural importance. There is significant material available to prove the buildings importance and academics support its significant status. Many who do not like the structure will be unaware of the public 're-interpretation' of the Barbican or 're-positioning' of Park Hill in Sheffield. Too often the buildings of the 'nearest past' are reviled. What is important is that public consultation does not skew the key issues - the megastructure is important; socially, historically and architecturally and also from a carbon perspective. The proposed demolition and alternative proposal is not sustainable.
- "It shouldn't have got to this point - HES should have professionals who are able to assess that this is not a building worth listing without having to go through this process. If anything, it's reduced your credibility as an organisation.
Just because someone comes up with a suggestion - it's not a reason to follow it through wasting lots of time and money on such a ludicrous suggestion."
- Just knock it down pleeeeeeeeease
- These people who want to keep it or have it given listed building status probably don't even live in Cumbernauld and don't have to suffer visiting the absolute [REDACTED] to do their shopping. Cumbernauld has greatly increased in size since the 70s. The residents deserve a modern shopping centre, restaurants and entertainment facilities. There is absolutely nothing for young people. Get it demolished.
- The people of Cumbernauld have had to live with a wholly inadequate town centre.
There is no soul in the town. No central meeting places. No social life to speak of. Please,



please, please flatten this and allow something new and fit for purpose to grow in its absence

- This building is the blight of the Cumbernauld skyline. It is time to move forward and regenerate the area for the good of Cumbernauld residents. It is not a building that will be missed.
- Please delete this building. does not deserve to be saved!!
- Cumbernauld has long been seen as an ugly town. It is not fair as the majority is actually lovely. Trees and green areas throughout the different areas take the eye away from all the concrete. The only ugly part is the town centre. Do not list it!
- Just pull it down and bring Cumbernauld up to 2022
- Let us have the street parties we have long been waiting for when this awful building is knocked down
- Cumbernauld has long been a laughingstock because of the Town Centre having been awarded the Carbuncle on three occasions. Perhaps a timely intervention from Historic Environment Scotland then would have helped. Now that ship has sailed.
- Tear it down
- This is a ridiculous proposal and is just another way to waste time, we've been waiting for this to be knocked down for years, if whoever submitted the proposal was that keen on it, they would have done so years ago, they aren't, they only did it to hold up the process
- Get rid of it and build a new one which people can use. Refuse to use town centre for shopping as it looks ugly. Prefer to go to other areas or shopping centres spend money there rather than where I would like to spend it. Town centre is for all Cumbernauld not a selected few who don't even use it. New would be better rather than looking at this ugly building
- "For the sake of the new generation let this building go.....and give my children a centre to be proud of. I have grown up in Cumbernauld and the centre and activities are terrible so don't hang on to the past move on."
- In its day when it was well maintained my answers would have been different. Now due to lack of care and management together with extortionate prices charged to shops the centre is a dire and dismal place to visit. Every shop that would attract visitors has been rejected leaving an abysmal choice available. The old centre is dismal, cold, smelly and full of charity shops
- It has been badly maintained through the years and is run down and full of issues
- I am astonished that consideration is being given to this. We have a dilapidated building commanding the towns attention and identity in a negative way. It serves little purpose and nothing about it will be missed by anyone. My children have no interest in architectural mistakes made in the 1960s but do wish their hometown to reflect them as a generation, modern and future facing, just like them.
- The only people who would want to keep this building are unlikely to live here, please listen to the residents of Cumbernauld who have to suffer it.
- There is a very small minority that want to keep this building. Mainly the owners of the shopping centre. The larger community want to see development
- The building is dilapidated, smells of urine, is home to a number of terrible shops and does not serve the people of Cumbernauld.



- The build is not environmentally friendly, it's damp and cold and would cost too much to make or environmentally friendly as well as accessible. Accept it has had its day, preserve it digitally and move on
- This decision should be made by the people who live here and have to use this building not by people who have no real connection to the town.
- The residents of Cumbernauld deserve a proper town centre and giving this brutalist carbundle will see the end of that prospect
- I have said all I wish to say.
- "The only thing which should matter are the opinions on the people in Cumbernauld and I promise you they want that horrible eyesore & dismal town centre wiped from the map.

For once NLC are trying to be progressive please let them"

- The Cumbernauld community desperately needs a town centre that serves the population as the present one in no way serves this purpose.
- Please get rid of this horribly town centre. Listen to the people, give them what they want, need and deserve. Give them a town centre to be proud of. It's the least that can be done.
- There must be real consideration of the needs of an ever-growing Cumbernauld and what we need to function better in an improved Cumbernauld. The environment we live in, how it looks, how it is maintained, how it makes us feel is highly important. At present it is an inaccessible, badly developed, unmaintained eyesore.
- The building is an eyesore, it keeps Cumbernauld stuck in the 60's, it leaks, not maintained and it doesn't make people want to shop there. It needs to go
- New Centre required as to spread out to get to shops either side of centre
- One wonders if those in favour of listing have ever actually walked through this soulless, depressing, building. Hopefully the views of those who live and work in Cumbernauld will be the dominant consideration. I believe the majority want a centre which is fit for purpose, not an architectural museum.
- The building has no historic significance. It's horrible to look at and it beyond repair
- It would be nice to live in an area that doesn't look so poverty stricken. It's clear no to little investment is made. Grass cutting being reduced also makes our council look poor. You drive through east Dunbartonshire and it's like a breath of fresh air. Wish I never moved to Cumbernauld.
- The design of current town centre is outdated and it's no any architectural marvel. It's like walking in a big puzzle. No ease at all for shoppers, specially it being split in two parts. The library at the top is not easily accessible...it's more of a hassle cos of its poor outdated design.
- It is depressing and embarrassing to visit and use this building. Most residents are downhearted by its condition and what a missed opposite existence is now. We would enjoy a stylish, functional open plan modern centre that reflects the modern, stylish vibrant town Cumbernauld aspires to be.
- The quicker the town centre is demolished and replaced by a more modern one the better
- "Cumbernauld is a huge town, with so much potential, it's just such a shame this isn't being recognised.



I would liken Cumbernauld potential to that of Livingston. Two very similar towns, yet two very different towns.

Livingston is able to attract the larger brands to the area, as it is appealing, and therefore is a hub of energy and desirable for people from out of town to visit.

There is a great deal for all the family to do in Livingston, cinemas, crazy golf, desirable shopping, gyms, to name but a few.

Cumbernauld has very limited resources for young people, families, elderly people, and this then forces these people to travel to alternative locations, taking their custom and money there also. This is a travesty, as the potential sat within Cumbernauld is just so great, with incredible public transport links in and out."

- Please don't give this building listed status. I'm embarrassed to live in Cumbernauld because of the shame associated with that ugly pigeon dropping infested, riddled with asbestos, urine smelling, leaking eyesore. It is not worth keeping.
- Cumbernauld deserves a better town centre with a wider range of shops/amenities. The old building is not a pleasant or viable option for businesses with (anecdotally) little footfall. Does 'listing' mean investment? I suspect not.
- The town centre should only be listed for demolition.
- I spend my money outside Cumbernauld because of the state of the town centre.
- Needs pulled down somewhere like fort like Glasgow open not closed in
- In my opinion it should be ripped down! It is also vital thar those of us who live here should have our views given more weight than those who have moved away and have a romantic/rose tinted view or are arguing It should remain for historic and/or architectural reasons. We have to live with it and use it.
- Please take this dated monstrosity down and any planners should view this grey monolith from a distance over the high points of Cumbernauld to see the soul-destroying blot on the landscape. Horrible looking buildings.
- Please demolish this eyesore. I work in the centre and the place is in much need of a redevelopment. The centre itself is so lacking in all ways, moat days the centre is more like a cemetery for shops. The amount of places I have worked that have closed down in Cumbernauld is a joke.
- Knock it down!
- "It's an eyesore and in a poor state of repair it's embarrassing that this is our shopping centre.

I think if it looked better, it would attract better retailers than charity shops.

The roof leaks there is always buckets everywhere and at the bus stop area it stinks of urine as it's obviously being used as a toilet for undesirable people.

We want a new shopping centre somewhere to be proud of not embarrassed."

- Just listen to who lives here and not just the "woke minority" who lack vision for improvement in the town. We deserve better if not a parity with other town centres, ours is appalling, not the best retail experience, next to no entertainment or quality restaurants, the exception being Tony's if and when it finally opens.
- "Get it gone and a decent town centre built.
Just look at town centre bus stop.
Too many underpasses and levels
Library in ridiculous upper level."
- Bulldoze it and start again
- I think the whole building is an eye sore and should be completely demolished



- It's everything that was wrong with the thinking at the time. People have admitted they got it wrong. Demolish it and get it right this time
- The benefits of knocking down the old town centre and building something to serve the community far outweigh the awful, outdated building which is not in any way of any historical interest like every other town & city.
- Knock it down!! For the good of the community. I've been resident all my life (47 years) and is a great place to raise a family, but this really lets us down.
- It's a complete eyesore not fit for purpose, leaks dampness, large parts unused out of date a waste of space.
- "It was originally built with a "market hall" which provided opportunities for small business to retail and to provide choice for shoppers. This should be made a priority in today's climate. Shop local - Support local artisans, makers and producers in Cumbernauld.

The centre of the town needs to be well considered, well-constructed and thought through. Having lived with the moniker of "Lego land" and the so called "improvements" over the years have left it being more accurately Lego + Stickle bricks + Meccano + anything else that's a cheap option to appease the desperate pleas to fix the shameful carbundle. This has meant buildings have been shoehorned in and no consideration given about how to access them, how to navigate through and around and how to use the amenities. IF the purpose is for Historical significance surely, we should be looking to create a centre that can be a cohesive modern future proof centre that can be a historically important and significant as being reflective of the town, it's needs, it's people and it's future."

- I feel so strongly about this situation, and I am absolutely dead against keeping this structure for the sake of the future of Cumbernauld
- If the penthouses could be saved and built into the new Town Centre that North Lanarkshire has planned, that would be amazing.
- The building as a mess.
- I've lived in Cumbernauld since 1960 and we've NEVER had decent shopping. This eyesore does Cumbernauld NO favours at all. Compared to East Kilbride, Livingston and Greenock it's making a laughingstock of this town. Pull it down!
- The town centre is now an embarrassment to the community within the West of Scotland and possibly the UK as a whole. We need to change that, firstly by having a town centre which bring together the community, brings interesting high st shops and cafes. And most importantly is attractive.
- Cumbernauld needs a larger more modern shopping centre, as a new town we have never developed similarly to other new towns, East Kilbride has much better shopping facilities, there is poor recreational facilities for the size of the town, stop building houses until the infrastructure is improved. Poor shopping, poor facilities, poor services. Cumbernauld deserves far better.
- "The community of Cumbernauld should not be held back by holding on to buildings that have no relevance and whose history could be recorded in a much better way. The buildings should be allowed to be replaced and the history recorded in a digital/photographic way."
- Cumbernauld has been neglected for years & is an eyesore. It is an embarrassment that struggles to generate investment. There are very few shops there I ever visit. It could be



such a vibrant town if it were redeveloped & brightened up in line with the needs of residents. Do the right thing here.

- "I strongly believe this centre devalues our town. We deserve more. The next generation deserve more.
Cumbernauld is in a prime location & believe a new shopping centre would attract tourists/consumers from Falkirk, Stirling, Glasgow & so on."
- "It seems to me the only people wishing to save Cumbernauld Town Centre are people who don't stay here.
I'm of the opinion I'd rather have nothing than what currently exists."
- Because I have nothing to add :-)
- I think if plans to update or knock down and rebuild the cumbernauld Town Centre are stopped by people who want to make it a listed building, it will be a very sad day for cumbernauld and its residents. Cumbernauld doesn't need a run down eyesore that people want to keep the way it is because of it's "historic architecture", what a terrible waste and disappointment to everyone that would be. This is a shopping centre and it should stay a shopping centre and be updated with the times, not kept the way it is and forgotten about just because someone feels it should be kept as is. We need a better town centre, one we can be proud of and one we deserve.
- The old part of the centre, being considered for listing, is falling apart. There are constantly buckets everywhere to catch rainwater dripping through the roofs. Tiling is subsequently like a skating rink. It would just deteriorate more if given a listed status.
- Just bulldoze it down and start again
- The town centre needs to be demolished and built over it is falling apart and not fit for purpose
- "Please, please, please move this town forward. The new plans look like a breath of fresh air for this town. Remove the eye sore that has plagued the town for at least the last 20 years.
Give the people what they want"
- I'm from Dundee. We mocked Cumbernauld back in the 70s and 80s. Living here now, the lovely people deserve a centre to be proud of and in which they can walk and shop safely
- Please don't list it as we will never get rid of it - you should try living here
- As a lifelong resident of Cumbernauld, I am disgusted that architects and historians who do not live in Cumbernauld are attempting to interfere with the wishes of the vast majority of the town's residents, many of whom have no choice but to rely on the town centre for shopping and other amenities, and would prefer not to do so in a dank, poorly lit, depressing half-empty hellhole. The 50,000+ people living in this town and paying a hefty council tax deserve far better.
- Carbundle was it's best description.
- Cumbernauld town centre has been adapted over the years and yet is still one of the worst town centres I've visited. The residents of Cumbernauld deserve better and a new 'town centre' is a good way forward. This doesn't necessarily mean one new shopping centre. It needs to meet community needs and be a social space people want to visit and spend their money instead of choosing to go to Glasgow, Falkirk, Stirling etc.
- I genuinely think it would be a massive backward step if listing proceeded. There is huge public support for redeveloping the town centre. I hope that will be taken on board.



- For the love of the people who make Cumbernauld a decent place, demolish this abomination and give the people a Town Centre that actual works, that has faculties that are up to date, stairways that aren't blocked off and lead to nowhere, lifts and escalators that work, shops that are full, jobs and opportunities, a place worth visiting and going to, somewhere that doesn't win awards for how startlingly bad it is!! WE DEMAND BETTER!!
- The current town centre is poorly used & poorly maintained. It's unattractive & the town deserves better. The world has changed since the current buildings were designed and constructed and it's never - as far as I'm aware - been used in the way the architects intended - not sure they thought about Scottish weather either.
- "North Lanarkshire tends to view Cumbernauld as an afterthought with no sense of urgency to move away from the 'carbuncle' image that award brought to Cumbernauld and has remained with us.
I know of no-one who has expressed anything other than shock and dismay at the possibility of a decision to retain it."
- Please give us a proper town centre that we can be proud of
- Buildings and significant structures that dominate a town such as the Cumbernauld town centre should only be retained if they add in some way to the community in which it is based. As a life long resident I can say that this is now not the case. It has a severely negative image association with what is a town with massive potential. Retention of this building at best will only impede the potential of the town and at worst leave it forever unfulfilled.
- I would be happy to discuss this further in the capacity of not only a resident of Cumbernauld for 36 years but as a research whose work and the work of colleagues engage with social and economic issues, housing, community and importantly social harm. It could very well be argued that the push to list this building will cause social harm in Cumbernauld and also raises broader criminological issues. My email is a.s.rogers@stir.ac.uk (Dr Ashley Rogers, Lecturer in Criminology).
- "I have lived in Cumbernauld all my life (born 1979) and the centre is not something I want to remain as is.
A working town centre providing better shopping options, better leisure options, better schooling and safe, affordable housing for a community that badly needs it is of far more concern to me and for my children growing up in the town."
- Cumbernauld required proper shopping, office accommodation and leisure establishments in a modern structure we have great foot fall and have to travel wide and far to be satisfied
- A few years ago there were plans for a proper town centre with a heart for the town. All we have is a shopping centre bereft of decent shops like many High streets now. So much is now a slum, not in any way inviting. The bus station is a scary place to be and we won't be repeating that experience again.
- "I have lived in Cumbernauld for over 40 years now and in that time the existing Town Centre has become less and less usable in any meaningful way.
For too long have we had to watch other towns etc. get money injected in to them to allow for regeneration...Cumbernauld is an iconic New Town and is known across Scotland...now is the time to showcase it in a good light...and not as part of the 'Dirty Dozen' as put forward in the 2005 TV show Demolition.
Give us something to be proud of....finally!"



- Please listen to the community and give us what the town has been crying out for for 20 years a decent shopping centre and facilities and a primark would do a roaring trade there too.
- Tear it down.
- Cumbernauld is a lovely place to live but it's town centre is a laughing stock and is stuck in the past. We need to move forward to continue to make the town appealing for families.
- "Please don't try to keep this monstrosity as a listed building. This aborted foetus of an architectural idea gone wrong has been driving down the quality of shopping and footfall and the development of the town for the last 20 years.
The fact that the owners openly challenge any other development that could greatly improve the town but refuse to even address the leaky roofs, worn and damaged décor, broken amenities and lack of heating while continuing to drive up the rent to squeeze every last penny out of the charity shops and card shops which is all we have left in the town centre is an absolute joke.
This thing needs to be torn down and give Cumbernauld the town centre it deserves in its place."
- We returned from living in Australia for 7 years and my daughters were shocked at the run down town centre! Not impressed at all!
- As a child and young adult I remember travelling via Cumbernauld on the bus. Even back then I used to think what a horrible place it was. It's the first sighting many people get of Cumbernauld as their bus passes through - not a very good impression is it and not one that would entice someone to come back to in order to explore Cumbernauld.
- Get rid of this disastrous building and invest in modernisation of Cumbernauld
- Yes, knock it down. It's an embarrassment & this eyesore has made us a laughing stock
- It is way past time for Cumbernauld to have a functional and ascetic town centre. The current development plans should be allowed to proceed.
- It is not a good idea to list the town centre
- If it is to be believed, one person has started all this nonsense. NL council have promised a better future for Cumbernauld, among many other town centres, and if it is denied because of a flawed belief in this building's supposed importance to history, then it will deny the residents of the town a chance of a modern town centre, fit for 21st Century living. There are plenty of films of Cumbernauld town centre to allow for posterity, and the chance for more to be made before it's demise. If it is not allowed to be removed, then it will become Cumbernauld's headstone, because it will be the ultimate death of the town
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve a town centre that is fit for purpose and not this ineffectual and tired building. Please don't make this a listed building. It's ghastly.
- I think HES should focus on getting proper historic sites back open and stop wasting time and money money on discussions like the this.
- "When you finally tear it down, please do so with aplomb and vigour.
There should be a day public holiday for the flattening of the 'nauld and the schools should allow pupils to attend and watch it be pulled down."
- Please do not let this be listed!
- The construction of the current town centre is really not fit for purpose and having already undergone a facelift it still struggles to attract and keep business, I think given



how much cumbernauld as a town has grown over the years it is long overdue far better facilities and opportunities given the growth of the population within cumbernauld for the people who live here and put money back into the local economy something more modern and practical that will attract better opportunities to the area of both retail and leisure.

- Knock down and rebuild community hub accessible and fit for purpose
- I really would welcome the redeveloped of the town centre. It really is in desperate need of a full overhaul. For the size of Cumbernauld and population I feel we don't have a town centre that is fit for purpose. It could be thriving, welcoming and a place for us to be proud of. I think it would encourage a lot of investment and people to the area.
- "Please can the resident of cumbernauld be listed to. We required shops, entertainment such as cinemas, ice skating, soft plays, restaurants (a food court within a shopping centre is perfect) places for adults to grab some social drinks without having to travel to Glasgow.

Shops such as primark is what we need.

The town centre needs a full revamp, a place for the residents to be proud of and bring it to the modern age. Not to be listed and left as a massive, vandalised eye sore."

- The building is horrible and outdated. It does not entice anyone to go visit/ shopping the centre.
- If this can be thought of in terms of architectural importance then I fail to understand why the old tenement buildings of Glasgow were not thought of as the same but we're wholeheartedly demolished. That reason was because they were riddled with poverty and deterioration...just like how this centre has become so do the same here...pull it down and regenerate the area entirely.
- The building is of no interest whatsoever to myself. It's ugly, mouldy, poorly maintained and dirty.
- Cumbernauld really needs to move into the 21st century and have a proper town centre, with areas the town needs, retail and entertainment the current town centre provides neither I'm afraid and I have lived in the town for 40 odd years
- I couldn't quite believe that the building was being considered for a listing status. It has been falling apart for many years. The penthouses on the fourth floor have not been used for decades! The third floor is awash with buckets to catch the leaks which have plagued the building almost since the day it opened.
- It's the people that have to live in its shadow, and use it, that should be of greatest importance. I've never met anyone in Cumbernauld that doesn't want it gone.
- It is well past its sell buy date & looks dreadful.
- It's time Cumbernauld moved on with modern time it is no longer fit for the town and need to fit the new modern outlook of now.
- "This historical listing can't happen.
All the wrangling between the owners of the town centre, each stopping one another from improvements, objecting to new and exciting retail areas within Cumbernauld is ridiculous behaviour.

The council have an amazing proposal for the regeneration of our town, and the residents of cumbernauld deserve a town that's useful, modern and fits for purpose. This proposal to list is entirely offensive."

- I'm in favour of a new town Center , the one we have now is like a ghost town, it's old, it's cold, it stinks, the roof creaks when it's windy.



- Cumbernauld needs an updated and modern town centre, not this depressing eyesore
- While the demolition teams are removing the town centre from our field of vision it may be a good point to travel a little further along the road and remove those daft sheets of coloured metal that line the sides of the dual carriageway as an "art installation". Another cretinous idea had by someone who thought that would be money well spent.
- I saw it develop, from the building in pure Brutalist style through failed attempts to improve it and structural failures. There were bright spots. For me the best was Scan bookshop with its cool, arty upstairs coffee shop around 1970 with big glass Conas and Blue Mountain. There were downsides, like regular fights outside the Kestrel. Shouting and swearing outside Papa Doc's disco reported in the District Court Roundup. William Hill bookmakers was originally a dungeon for betting "sinners" out of sight of shoppers. Woolco came and went. Ours was a time of disappointment. Grand Prix coming? No, ruled out by "onion" roundabouts. M&S? No, not allowed to buy the site. Rather faceless, bunker-like pubs.
- If you're seriously considering listing this building, I urge you to visit it and to imagine that this was your own local town centre and think about whether this is something you would want to live with. Unless you can truly say that you would be happy/proud to retain this building then please don't force it upon the inhabitants of the town.
- This application is a complete waste of time and likely brought by people who don't live in the town or are aware of the negative image the town centre portraits.
- "The town center is not fit for purpose.
The shops are poor & pathetic
& to top it all by introducing car parking restrictions these are reminiscent of how poor the shopping centre is."
- "The sports centre is awful!! Facilities are really poor-its so unfair to the people of cumbernauld
The 'private' car park that charges extortion rates for people swimming or shopping is outrageous
The amount of unhealthy Fast food shops is incredible-there is no healthy alternative
We wonder why NHS waiting lists are too high, we re doing nothing socially to combat this"
- North Lanarkshire Council Tax bravely taken on ownership of the centre with the view of providing amenities and shopping facilities leisure facilities fit for the next 50 years please do not allow the listing of this decrepit old building to stop what should've been done 30 years ago
- Sadly this building has served a purpose when it was built but with no investment over the years it has been deteriorating to beyond repair and parts of the building are quite dangerous. Glass panels falling from the roof, 3rd floor where the library and the nursery are is just ridiculous. Lifts constantly broke preventing lots of residents using the town centre. This building I am sad to say needs investment and listing this building won't help anyone
- Cumbernauld Town centre is famous for its poor design and presentation and as such this should not be misunderstood as meaning it holds historic value. Many buildings in the UK are knocked down that are hundreds of years old and to say a building approx 60 years old is historic is completely wrong.



- A more Eco-friendly structure would be an improvement on the present building. Solar panels, wind turbines, external & internal plants plus more aesthetically pleasing colour schemes, particularly on the outside.
- Please, please, please do not let this awful building be listed. It is truly awful. Have a heart for the locals and allow us the opportunity to knock it down and start again.
- Please pull this building down to restore a sense of pride back to Cumbernauld. It fosters a feeling of depression and hopelessness. Surely we deserve better?
- Please get rid of this eye sore
- I have lived in Cumbernauld for most of my life, I have my family here, including my two children. I have many memories of growing up around the building, but years of mismanagement and wear and tear without significant investment have created a situation where we have a building that is quickly becoming unsafe. The future
- I would like for the town centre to be demolished to make way for a new shopping setup with other amenities which would benefit the town and its people.
- This is outrageous to be even considered as a listed building and would undermine the whole concept of listing important and historic buildings.
- The limitations on the development of the town centre was a primary reason many residents spent their cash out with the area. It did not cater for needs beyond basic supermarket shopping for many years.
- The town centre in its current format is a massive hindrance to Cumbernauld ever achieving anywhere near its full potential. You need only look at hubs such as Glasgow Fort and Livingston Outlet to see the huge benefits of incorporating a popular, accessible and modern shopping & leisure experience. The amenities currently available to a settlement of our size is atrocious, with millions worth of revenue being lost year on year due to the utterly shambolic infrastructure.
- It is widely hated so the people of Cumbernauld shouldn't need to put up with that because of the opinion of a very few people. The long term impact isn't worth it.
- Yes - has anyone considered reaching out to the schools
- Nuke it from orbit. ASAP
- Please take this seriously. The lifts are old and dangerous, if I want to shop at popular stores I can go to Next then walk down the centre, up an escalator walk a bit up another, walk through part of the old centre, up and around again, down escalators and walk the length of the old to get to the next woman's clothes shop. And that's someone who is able bodied, how people with disabilities manage I don't know
- If you list this building, you will be doing cumbernauld residents a great disservice.
- Build us something in cumbernauld that we can be proud of.
- The concept if it was good in the beginning but to many problems with water always leaking when it rains and has done since 1st built to this day ,to many owners with different ideas you cant direct anyone to certain areas its quicker to take them some business fail due to there position not enough footfall . Its not easy to travel from one side to other especially at nite as most of its locked off so u have to go round it. This some what difficult if your a bus user
- Inside it is. Rabbit warren, impossible to attract businesses and not attractive to people outside Cumbernauld to come and shop there.



- Cumbernauld was a new town with the architectural designs of the time. This style has proved very unpopular with the residents of the town for quite some time. I don't feel that just because something is old it should be preserved.
- Residents of Cumbernauld have already participated in consultation and agreed that this building should be removed so that we can move forward and get facilities that meet our needs and the needs of local families and people. The Council have also rightly agreed that this should happen. Please listen to the people that actually live here. We need better.
- Whilst the town centre may have been designed in a renowned style for the 70's there has been so many additions and efforts to improve it visually it has lost this style and is now just a blot on the landscape.
- Back in the 60's and 70's when I was growing up it was a busy place full of different shops and businesses. Over the years as attempts were made to expand and develop the area it has become a disparate mish mash of buildings and the original building has become emptier and more run down. The best thing for the town would be to wipe the whole town centre out and start again and this can only be done if the original building goes as well
- Please do not allow a tiny minority of people with no association or interest in Cumbernauld to influence its future to the detriment of the large population who are forced to shop elsewhere in order to avoid using this leaking sieve and crumbling ruin. It is an utter disgrace that it has survived as long as it has. Protecting it would be akin to making a dead seagull a tourist attraction. We are real people with real lives who only want somewhere pleasant to shop and this dump is certainly not the place and nor is it worthy of any listed protection.
- You must not list this building. The people of this town deserve something better. I love the centre, and it'll always be iconic to me, but it doesn't do the one thing that all architecture should do: it doesn't improve our lives and it never will. Not anymore.
- Please allow us a modern town centre and remove this building
- The building needs to be modernised to make it a place where people want to go.
- "The needs of any community change and the facilities they interact with need to change and be flexible also.
The concept for the town centre was developed at a time of post war Britain. Time to move on."
- Cumbernauld should have a town centre to be proud of with nice shops and restaurants to boost the economy. Especially with the tax office now gone shops and local Businesses will suffer so we need to attract visitors to come from out of town. Look at Livingstone and how amazing its centres are. The current town centre just doesn't do it. It's an eyesore and needs demolished.
- Please allow the residents of Cumbernauld a decent town centre what we have is embarrassing we deserve better
- As a Large town we need to change the culture and have an area fit for the purpose of community gathering and to attract visitors to the town the current centre does neither
- North Lanarkshire killed the town centre. No love or care was ever given to the building. I have no faith in North Lanarkshire regarding their new shopping hub however I feel strongly that Cumbernauld Town centre needs to be put out of its misery and knocked down.



- I suggest that anyone who wishes this to be recognised as of historic interest needs to spend time here. Come and live in our local area and experience using this structure as a community member. Brutalist architecture may be fashionable but this building has had its day. Local people are embarrassed by it and vote with their feet and shop and use leisure facilities elsewhere. This is not fitting with place standards or green space or any modern idea of community. As a woman I don't feel safe in this building. It's not maintained and it's disgusting inside and out.
- A blight and an eyesore. This is not a building fit for purpose and even if a case was to be made to keep it it would only harm the community it is meant to serve
- Please do not consider doing this as it is time for the people of Cumbernauld to have their say on the matter
- Please tear this building down
- Tear it down.
- Listen to the people who have been asking for years for this ugly building to be removed I mean wasn't it bad enough we came top on several lists of worst town centres over the years surely someone with some common sense will agree it needs bulldozing
- This survey should not be binding. Visit our town. Gl tk the megastructure and take direct more representative opinions. Do not allow vested interests to impose poor architecture on a population any longer than is necessary .
- 30 years in Cumbernauld. The Centre holds many happy memories for me growing up as a child. However the community deserve a better building that could perhaps reinvigorate civic pride. Knock it down!
- This building has served its purpose, the community needs better, safe and more modern facilities in order to boost the local economy. These cannot be hindered by the short sighted preservation of a decaying, high maintenance centre which fails to meet the needs of both retailers and consumers.
- Yes please please listen to the public and what they are saying it's us that have to look at it everyday and live here z it's not fair that we need to travel to Glasgow and Stirling thistles centre and east Kilbride, Glasgow fort to get to decent shopsz clothes shops .. Cumbernauld town centre is the worst I have ever seen its bloody shocking and it's not fair that we don't have a centre like the rest of the other places to be proud of .. the only shops there is is blooming charity shops and pound saver shops sick of the sight of it ... I don't go near the town centre anymore haven't In years because it makes me depressed
- The building is old and unsafe. Never been used for many years. The upcoming younger generation of Cumbernauld need a more modern and useful space and positive environment for them to identify themselves with, making us all proud to be from Cumbernauld. We need to move with the times.
- The sooner the site is demolished and redeveloped, the better.
- Apart from the actual building or so called architecture what about the sheer filth surrounding it , the bus station is disgusting , the back car park totally neglected, the lifts never work, escalators are often not working , recently lifts and escalators were out and having to walk up/down 5 ramps is often impossible for some people...in a modern building there would be more allowances made for invalids, etc
- As a young parent I found it incredibly difficult and complicated to manoeuvre around the building. I can only imagine how difficult and time consuming it is for disabled residents. Cumbernauld needs and deserves something much more imaginative, beautiful and accessible for all residents.



- "Cumbernauld's current town centre is so disjointed, dire and depressing and there is a feeling of abandonment among the locals, like we're second-class citizens not worthy of a decent town centre.
- Please, somebody pull your finger out and give us a town centre to be proud of. Then we won't have to go out of town to find decent shops and amenities - one way to lower our carbon footprint."
- "I lived in Cumbernauld for 38 years and still work (voluntarily) and shop there. It is an eyesore and an insult to the people of Cumbernauld. It should be raised to the ground and a decent Town Centre built. Like East Kilbride or Livingston has."
- I can't believe this is being considered as a listed building because of one request.
- Please give Cumbernauld a chance to look good again! Its 2022 and we're stuck in the 60s
- Please don't allow it to be listed as we have to live here. We Conley pray for it to be demolished.
- "I recognise it was ahead of its time, concrete structures were a thing at the time. I think you will find the stick out bit with the small windows originally to be penthouse suites could stand the test of time as long as the rest of it was pulled down on both sides of the road. Be creative use a modern forward thinking architect to integrate that part of it into a modern vision of what that area could become."
- The town centre is an eye sore it's falling apart and this is coming from someone who's mother runs a cafe inside its dead there's no-one in the town centre the shops are all closed its the most unattractive and sore to look at building in cumbernauld
- "I personally think it would be counter productive to block the Councils planned development and regeneration of the town centre which will improve and deliver modern functional buildings that deliver valuable services for local Cumbernauld residents. This has been so successful in other towns and cities across Scotland in terms of improving both the aesthetics and facilities, including housing, libraries, schools and health facilities. I do not live in Cumbernauld but I do visit on a semi regular basis and the town centre just doesn't feel like a town centre, there is nothing welcoming about it and it almost feels industrial. I"
- The town centre should be demolished and a new structure or structures built in its place. Buildings and people need to move with the times something this building has not. It leaks, it's drab in appearance and it's an embarrassment to the town.
- Demolish it
- It's a site of ridicule. Lets give the town a centre the people of Cumbernauld can be proud of.
- It's an eyesore. Raise it to the ground and give the people of Cumbernauld a town centre they can be proud of and that's fit for purpose for the modern age
- "My parents moved to Cumbernauld 25+ years ago. They were told of great plans for the town centre. None of which has materialised. I now have children. The new plans are much more positive and inclusive. There are very few areas for families and older children in this continuously growing town. New plans could help the community.



I also find it strange that the building is being listed now and not previously. It seems like a way to block new ideas. The building being listed would continue to sit in disrepair and not serve the community. This building is not an important historical site for majority of residents in Cumbernauld."

- Cumbernauld needs a centre that elicits pride and not embarrassment. As an area there's a lot to be proud of and it shouldn't be the case that we are dragged down in cultural and social opinion by the state of a dilapidated shopping centre, whatever it's original status in the architectural world.
- Please listen to the opinion of the vast majority of local residents and replace the town centre with something more attractive and more pleasant to spend time in. It would be a huge boost to the local economy and reputation.
- "The town centre is a huge eyesore which is not fit for purpose. It is only going to get worse and I would like my children to grow up with something in the town centre which is actually of use to the community.
Please do not make it a listed building."
- Cumbernauld deserves better i moved here in 1992 and the place has never moved forward with the times i've been all around the world and have to say the town centre here has to be THE worst i've ever been in. The excitement everyone felt when the new part of the centre was built did not last long as it was filled with shops that no one really wants to shop in.
- This request has been submitted by someone who no longer lives in the town, I suspect. Residents of Cumbernauld do not want the town centre as it is now, they want change, they want better facilities. This isn't going to be achieved if we list this building. Listed buildings are generally loved, this is not, by anyone, even the occupants and owners.
- There is no cultural value in any building viewed as a curiosity when it comes at the expense of amenities.
- This building does not serve a purpose. It was built for a time that is long gone, and the building is no longer relevant in today's society. Blocking the demolition by listing this building would serve no historical, or cultural advantage to the area or Scotland.
- It's served it's purpose, it's past it's use by date and it's time to move on and put Cumbernauld on the map for something more practical and useful.
- those that dont live here should have no right to deny those that do the chance to redevelop the centre into a functioning and functional space.
I understand this was a building of its time but unfortunately its time is past. The bus station is useless for todays vehicles the shops have insufficient storage and access to the back of the shops to function in a modern society. The hotel and flats no longer exist . The upper floors are dangerous. It would cost so much to modernise into a functional building for modern society that it really would be best to consign it to history books to allow for a better town centre for cumbernaulds future.
- Listing the center will mean that the residents will be deprived of a new town center that they can feel proud of and are happy to use.
- The place should be bulldozed
- If the people who live in cumbernauld are listened to and treated in an equitable manner, a full redesign and rebuild of this space will be undertaken. That way the people who live in cumbernauld will have an accessible and useful space that better represents community needs.
- Cumbernauld Town centre is an eyesore and embassment to people of town



- I hope that no protection is given to the town centre and that we might have an opportunity in the future to demolish it and start again
- "To bring the building up to modern standards not to mention net zero would significantly change it beyond its original design and construction that would make any listing meaningless.
The building is not the town centre. The town centre is the place and the building should no longer stop the place from thriving"
- Gauging the opinion of local people that have to use and see the building everyday, I am confident that I am in the overwhelming majority that think the current building has had it's day, and the need for a modern replacement far outweighs any historical or architectural significance that some may feel exist. I appreciate that your body will look at both sides as a result of this request to list, but believe there is only one sensible outcome. By not listing these buildings, you will allow Cumbernauld the opportunity to provide a new vision for it's residents and visitors which can serve them for the next 50-60 years and beyond.
- I live here, beside this. Due to this building and the leaks and the smells and the lack of working facilities such as lifts. I am embarrassed to admit I live here. Shops and businesses are moving out, and people are shopping elsewhere, including myself. Why would people want to shop somewhere that is so run down and gloomy and that's not even including the parking issues. Please do everybody a favour and don't inflict this on people for evermore
- I would agree to this being listed IF it was being used to it's capacity and it was a building people would want to come see but it isn't no one will come and look at this and think WOW! It's a complete miss match they have painted half of it which has made it worse! The apartments have not been used for as long as I have been alive! People now avoid the place. So much more could come to the community if it was gone times have changed and it is no longer fit for purpose and don't see it ever being fit for purpose.
Cumbernauld has many other things going for it and to think we could generate more revenue to the community by having the proposed hub is amazing. For 1 person to jeopardise this for wanting a building no one uses and is an eye sore. There is very little history there I have googled it! Yes I had to check what was so important to this building and I have found nothing of significance
- If the town centre has an upgrade it will upgrade Cumbernauld in general, it will look much nicer and people might want to visit it
- "Take pictures of it and put them in a museum or online, then demolish and start from scratch.
I took my two young children shopping here for the first time and vowed never to go back:
The entrance looks like a service goods entrance, dark, dingy, like something out of trainspotting, with stairs up to the lifts!
There is no logical layout and shoppers have to trail from one corner to another at a considerable distance.
The bus stops at the bottom are some of the most depressing unwelcoming places I've ever seen anywhere in the WORLD.
It is built around cars, it does not encourage pedestrians
This being called a town centre is utterly laughable and I can't believe anyone is even considering this being a listed building meaning it can't be removed."



- NLC need to develop this area much more than the intended plans, to support the growth of Cumbernauld. The town with its new houses has outgrown available facilities massively.
- The decision of the past have left the building in various states of repairs there is/was no cohesion between the different stages of development. The key example is the the last decision to paint part of the exterior dark blue? For work is have spent an few day a week of the last few year in Manchester there they have went through a major transformation, I know Cumbernauld is not in comparison to a large city but we are like on of the community areas. The redevelopment there has help build a community around many hubs (the central square of a development) where they have combined retail/catering/facilities a shared open area that can be used for dining and family activities/ street performance.
- The people of Cumbernauld should get a functionally town centre which works for the local inhabitants now.
- Nothing should be done to save any part of this building, the new structure should never be allowed to be in private hands. Tax payers will pay for the redevelopment, so should always be in public hands.
- "If a new town centre is to be built, we have to make sure it doesn't fill up with rubbish shops selling cheap tacky things.
It needs to be fit for purpose and benefit the community."
- "Please ensure that the replacement is aesthetically pleasing, is future proof as far as I came to the area 40 years ago. It has been an eyesore since then and has only deteriorated."
- The town centre should be that somewhere that we can go to that provides us with the services needed in modern clean standards
- "The people in Cumbernauld should have the final say in this.
Should hell freeze over and this monstrosity is saved could they please ensure it is brought up to standard, especially the roof."
- Keeping this would be a disaster for Cumbernauld. We are already a laughing stock at what the council spends/wastes money on. We've won the Carbuncle award! If that doesn't say everything I don't know what will !
- I can't stress strongly enough the impact this has on the town and its residents. If the centre becomes listed it condemns us to continue to live with a town centre we would rather avoid. Take a walk through the dark, dingy, dangerous stairwells of the bus station and shopping centre and understand that it is neither a safe nor welcoming place to be. Historical significance is all well and good, but a town centre should serve its population not disgust them and make them fear for their safety.
- Please tear this building down as soon as possible. Its an eyesore and a blight on our town.
- Please do not delay the demolition of this monstrosity any longer.
- This is and always has been an eyesore. As a new town Cumbernauld deserves better than this monstrosity
- Yes I would like to know who on earth even suggested preserving this monstrosity as it certainly wasn't anyone from Cumbernauld. Cumberland needs a fresh face, a gathering place, where families and friends can meet up for lunch; leisure activities as well as shopping, where you would feel proud to show your friends around calling it 'My Town Centre' sadly the people of Cumbernauld have never been able to do that.



- This building needs demolished. It's an eye sore. As a resident of Cumbernauld for 43 years. This building is an eye sore & we need a more modern & up to date shopping centre which offers services and shops which other large shopping centres do. I do not use this shopping centre due to the fact there is nothing in it. I would rather spend my money in Glasgow or Stirling.
- If listing is successful all funding for maintenance etc. must come from historic environment Scotland and those that have proposed this idea and must not be a financial drain on the owners or people of Cumbernauld and north Lanarkshire via council funding!
- Over the years, the community of Cumbernauld have enjoyed having the town centre as the local point of social interaction, but unfortunately due to the old centre's age the building is not fit for purpose in the modern world, with Cumbernauld increasing in size, Cumbernauld town centre requires a more modern centre that is required by the community to see them into the future.
- The building is for another time and is clearly not fit for purpose. Regeneration will breathe new life into the centre
- People of Cumbernauld deserve so much better. The surrounding area of Cumbernauld is beautiful. Cumbernauld should be so much more. It's in a fantastic central position. Cumbernauld is an opportunity missed.
- I have serious concerns that the town centre will be used as the place to put Our Lady's High school. In its current state, this is not a place to work and learn. It would be a poor learning space, lacking greenery, open planning and light. It is polluted, poorly planned and I would worry about the risk to the health and safety of young people who could be educated there.
- I cannot stress my objection to this proposal strongly enough. Cumbernauld Town Centre is an eyesore that the people of Cumbernauld have been forced to live with for far too long. It is the subject of many jokes and is an embarrassment for the people who live here. To list it will do nothing positive for the town and will ensure that the area is never improved.
- If it is listed I think you will have a great number of disgruntled local residents who might go as far as to move away.
- Hopefully this town centre can go to allow the people of Cumbernauld to enjoy and benefit from a much more up to date and useful 'hub' that has been built with modern times, needs and wants at the forefront.
- The people who live in Cumbernauld would much rather a new and improved town centre for us all to enjoy, not for this eye sore to be kept up for years and years to come.
- Where else would you see a town centre like this saved? Let's make this a town centre to be proud of
- Blow it up and start again. Invest in Cumbernauld like all other North Lanarkshire new towns, we deserve something nice after being neglected by NLC this long.
- No need for any grand, town square plans etc as it's very windy at the top of the hill location and for large parts of the year nobody will want to be outside. Simply copy the Livingston, EK models with modern functional buildings, good shops, restaurants and a functional transport hub. Nothing too fancy is needed, just demolish the existing eyesore and maximise the space available with retail and food outlets etc.
- My vision is for Cumbiza. Basically turn the site into a cross between Amsterdam and Ibiza. A haven for stag, hen and the depraved. Bars and restaurants down stairs, by



restaurant I mean McDs etc and some posh ones like Nandos. Upstairs is where the party starts. Nightclubs, strip shows (male/female/other) all the way until 6am. If you don't do it Alloa will. Cumbiza, you enter as a shy eyed novice and never want to leave.

- Having lived in Cumbernauld most of my life, I have visited the town centre for over 40 years and the building was originally modern and in keeping with similar buildings around at the time, however, the alterations made have changed the building to its detriment.
- As a local resident I feel very strongly that it is imperative that this building comes down as it is a complete eyesore, and the plans to development the town centre are implemented. We need a future thinking, energy efficient development. We want a visually pleasing town centre not the complete state that it currently is. There is no way it should be listed or kept. We need something new & something to be proud of as a town centre so it can be used for years to come by everyone not a couple of individuals reminiscing about the 60s & 70s.
- Cumbernauld needs to be brought up to date with the rest of NL. I lived here 6 years ago from Ireland and the obvious lack of investment is saddening. I can see investment in other NL towns
- Do not be so ridiculous as to list this monstrosity give future generations something better
- Demolish it.
- If there is redevelopment plans in the area, this should go ahead to revitalise the town centre. This dated eyesore should not be preserved as a listed building
- I have lived here all my life as have ALL my family and think we deserve a decent shopping centre. One that Cumbernauld residents can be proud of instead of being embarrassed!
- its full of asbestos
- Please get rid of it. It drags Cumbernauld down.
- I am a passionate advocate of saving architectural heritage, but only when the building in question has merit. The Luna Tower has merit, the Cooperative Building has merit, Anniesland Court has merit. Cumbernauld Town Centre is a failed endeavour. Its preservation benefits nobody.
- The people of cumbernauld have suffered this for years, they deserve better.
- "There may be architectural merits in the building, but it does no service to the people of Cumbernauld.
- If it is so important why not take it down and rebuild it in a field, but let the people of Cumbernauld the opportunity of a functional town centre that meets their needs."
- I very strongly support the project of redesigning Cumbernauld Town Centre. It is currently an unpleasant and rather depressinf sightto visit even despite of some facilities being of good quality.
- The building is not fit for modern purpose. It's difficult to find your way around unless very familiar with it. Its not disabled friendly.
- "This proposal to list this building has clearly been launched by a group of architectural elitist in an attempt to circumvent the democratic proposal to removal the building to make room for a structure fit for purpose. They blatantly have zero regard for the community this mistake of construction has blighted for the last several decades.



This is nothing of significance of this building that can not be preserved via photography and 3D scans.

To even contemplate the protection of this building, with what the local community stands to lose is a harrowing indictment of how certain parties of the HES view their fellow humans."

- I have memories of running down the 3 storeys of ramps from the library at the top of the town centre as a child in the 80s. The area where the library is situated was already leaky, eerie and run down. Various facelifts have made little difference to the centre's appeal over the years. It is not somewhere people choose to spend much time and I look forward to it being demolished and to a more practical and attractive replacement
- There is no point taking down this structure if there is nothing replaced for the children and community of Cumbernauld, The town centre has to be the hub of the community to make the centre work, swimming pool, athletic fields, sports fields, this would attract all the community to one area which local business would also benefit from the hive of activities.
- "Every person or organisation that wants to preserve this monstrosity neither works or lives nearby .
Try walking through or past it every day then you'll get it ."
- The building needs to be demolished. Any move to prevent that happening is an affront to the people of Cumbernauld
- "Cumbernauld Town Centre is an eye sore that leaks from all areas.
The town centre is an empty shell and the sooner it is taken down the better.
Cumbernauld citizens deserve somewhere to enjoy meet and be proud of."
- An eyesore of a building which should have been raised to the ground long ago. An embarrassment to Cumbernauld residents
- This centre was originally designed in a previous century. It's important not to put good money after bad. Demolition is a common local view of what should happen but some salvaging could be done with sensitive replacement of these largely obsolete structures to create a smaller more special centre to meet changes in retailing etc
- Invested is badly needed to renew and replace not to keep the horrible building
- I would like to see Cumbernauld having a decent shopping centre while I'm still young & fit enough to use it. I'm 55 & like everyone in Cumbernauld, have been waiting for this since moving here, which for me was 1978.
- In photograph form only. Most of the original features have already been lost, the site that Antoninus Centre sites in had car parks and ramping, the site that Fleming House and the car parks beside used to site William Loos and car parks, that is gone. Why are we keeping the "plonk on the plinth" when the rest has gone
- We were promised a central hub when we moved here 40 years ago. What we have just now is not it.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld for 40 years and in the 80s and early 90s the town centre was the pinnacle of Cumbernauld with a variation of shops and the hub of the town but from late 90s onwards it just became a burden and eyesore of the town and a laughing stock of Scotland getting a Carbundle award a few years running
- I believe the space should be completely demolished, the basic layout is not fit for purpose
- Cumbernauld is long over due a modern and exciting new town centre hub



- Knock it down and give the people of Cumbernauld and community space that is for for purpose
- This place no longer serves the the public interest in its current form ,it is out dated and needs raised to the ground.in short start again.
- The people of Cumbernauld have wanted a new town centre for years and it's been constantly rejected. We deserve a decent town centre as this one is an absolute embarrassment and the fact that people want it as a listed building is laughable as it's his it horrendous.
- I can understand the reasons why those interested in architectural history might see significance in this building. Were it not such a overbearing influence physically and on attitudes towards Cumbernauld and those who live in it an argument might be made for restoring it to its original condition with some enhancements. However, the very few who seek to retain this building do not live beside it, are not forced to use it and are massively outweighed by those that do. Document it, and then demolish it.
- This town centre needs to be demolished. For years it has tainted Cumbernauld and all the residents here have had to suffer because of it. Even if it is knocked down and it was to be an empty space the place would benefit from that. It's time Cumbernauld residents get what they deserve.... A descent town centre!
- The town centre is an eye sore it makes the village look like a dump
- Get it pulled down and out something modern and functional in its place. The town needs a focal point and this carbuncle simply doesn't 'cut it'
- "Listing this building is a huge mistake. It will have massive economic impact on the area. As this building becomes more difficult and expensive to maintain, the already high unit rental costs will increase in order to fund upkeep, thereby driving out businesses. The town centre is already full of pound shops, charity shops and hairdressers. Serious businesses do not want to open branches in this hideous building as its an embarrassment. It does not have the right image to attract upmarket businesses.
- Secondly, this building seriously impacts the mental health of its users. It is depressing and soulless. Most users would agree that they employ a 'get in, get out' tactic when needing to do business in the town centre. As the centre decays and businesses are driven out this will only worsen.
- My concern is that, if this building is listed, you will end up with a crumbling white elephant that the local residents will be forced to have to look at. Businesses will slowly leave, forcing people to have to travel further to other areas to do business, and we will not be able to replace it due to it being listed. It will end up empty and crumbling."
- Please rid us, the long suffering residents of Cumbernauld, of this monstrosity and consider with care consideration and consultation what pragmatic, pleasing and popular buildings could rise in its place.
- This application is without merit and appears to be an exercise in seeking to delay the Council's acquisition and redevelopment plans
- "Giving this building a listed status will do nothing for Cumbernauld and it's people except prolong it's status as a joke town unworthy of anything better.
The people of Cumbernauld deserve and are better than this and have been overlooked for far too long.

The leisure, shopping and entertainment facilities in this ever expanding town fall very short and to continue down the same path of neglect of several decades by lack of interest and investment in the Town Centre is shameful by NLC.



To give this eyesore listed building status will deplete the public purse without any real return or benefit for the people of Cumbernauld."

- For years now, we the residents have patiently awaited the regeneration of our town centre....now its time for action.
- Clear the site and build something that is inviting and useful to the local population
- Please, don't let one or two people stop this redevelopment from goons ahead, we've waited so long for this to happen so that we can have a town centre/shopping centre we will love to use, to be proud off/ and bring in users from outside of Cumbernauld to shop and enjoy too.
- The cost to the taxpayer of maintaining a large structure like this if it becomes listed is astronomical and the environmental impact is too high to keep an old inefficient building like this
- Make a new town centre for people to be happy to be in. Light, airy, easy to navigate, actual streets with paths and sky. The quicker this hole of a town centre! Underground car park with shops attached is obliterated the better.
- Coming from a nearby village many people would reference when asked if near Cumbernauld; if the town centre was once voted the UKs ugliest building. I don't know if that true but it's a statement that I have been hearing for 30 years.
- Cumbernauld seems to be an aging community and not a new Town any more. We should have a TC the works for all our community and attracts a younger generation to the town
- It is an old type tc with mazes and closed walkways and there are parts that I wouldn't venture into on my own. We need an up to date town centre that the residents of Cumbernauld can be proud of. Please please don't make the wrong decision as you did with the waves
- I don't believe that Our Lady's and St Maurice's should be combined. It will be detrimental to staff and pupils. Cutting jobs in a profession where permanent contracts are already difficult to come by is shocking when it can be avoided. Expecting pupils to travel further than they already have to is unfair on them and not in line with the sustainability pushed by this government. It was always a promise of the SNP to cut class sizes but I fail to see how this can be done through combining the schools.
- Please don't list the building it's so disgusting and most folk want change.
- The building is beyond repair. Glass roof in Scotland. Single panes as well. Always leaks, cold freezing corridors in the winter. Pigeons managing to fly in and then get distressed when they can't fly out, defecting everywhere. Gross! It's health and safety disaster. Library at the top floor with not properly functioning lifts. The place smells of dampness and mould too.
- Buildings should be listed for positive reasons and as long as they do not get in the way of progress and meeting the needs of people. Unfortunately, Cumbernauld Town centre does not meet this.
- Cumbernauld is continuously having housing stock added with no social or leisure amenities being added, shame on you NLC
- I appreciate you can't take economics into account but the people of Cumbernauld desperately need this building to be replaced for so many reasons. The main one is for the prosperity of the town - the centre as it is is falling apart; it leaks water everywhere; it's too costly to repair or renovate properly and therefore people just don't want to visit it. Why retain a building that most folk hate and can't attract people to visit it? I can't



see the point in retaining a building just for it to further disintegrate to the point where it just becomes derelict. Then the people of Cumbernauld will have no local shopping - what it was originally intended to provide! The sad fact is, it's not a building that has aged well and it's long past its best - it's time to let it go.

- As someone who has lived in Cumbernauld all her life, married a man from Cumbernauld and is bringing a family up in Cumbernauld, I want better facilities and town centre for my son and family, more that we ever had growing up here.
- There is a lot of potential in Cumbernauld town centre to make this an area for the community to gather and enjoy as a centre for this wider area. This building is currently a barrier to that rather than an enabler as public buildings like these ones should be. There is a lot of housing development around Cumbernauld but I suspect most of the people living there rarely venture into Cumbernauld as this building doesn't provide a modern, accessible town centre. I also think the heritage and history of Cumbernauld is lost at the moment even with this building. It is built on an old mining area which is key to so much of the heritage for this area and is a 'new town' which represents an interesting and significant part of our national history. However at the moment people just see a building that is not aesthetic (to a lot of people's tastes) and not fit for purpose so they avoid the area and don't even get the opportunity to understand the history and heritage of the area. I think listing this building would be a mistake and not to the benefit of the wider Cumbernauld community or support the history and heritage of the area or its significance to Scotland's story.
- The development of Cumbernauld should be such that there really is more of a traditional high street or central hub where things are close together. Restaurants, pubs, and retails units are sporadically located and with no good public transport difficult to reach.
- It was different in its time not so anymore even it's tunnels for getting to shops encourage not so nice people after a time you only have to ask the police about this so as I have said times usually change for the better and we need a change
- Please don't list it, it's awful and it doesn't feel safe at night.
- It's time this eye sore went and gave us a town to be proud of.
- The town centre buildings have caused Cumbernauld to be a laughing stick in the press and wider country for years..... why on earth would we want to keep it. It may have been 'ground breaking' at the time but now it is nothing more than an eye sore. Cumbernauld cannot move on and thrive as a town unless radical new plans are approved. The 'megastructure' is falling to bits and in parts a safety hazard.... It has to go!!!
- Please pull it down it is horrible
- "Why don't you make the question more simple. Demolish or rebuild. Get out there and ask the question to the people."
- Stop standing in the way of progress. Cumbernauld needs a building and area that serves the local community and isn't stuck in a time warp. Listen to the local people please.
- Please don't keep this structure. Cumbernauld needs to develop and to allow it to become a modern and functional town centre, there is no place for the original build. I would rather see it go and something good for the people of this town in its place.
- Put the residents first please, we deserve a better town centre than this.



- As it is now, it's awful. It's dark, creepy and has areas that I as a woman avoid. The layout is confusing, hodgepodge of areas which don't flow. The way to get in and out of areas is bewildering with lifts missing floors and car parks. Sometimes you need to go up to go down and there are areas with nothing in them. The library is abandoned at the top of the building surrounded by leaky patches. It's a place I avoid at all cost.
- Get rid of it as quickly as possible
- Please consider the people of Cumbernauld. We deserve better.
- "It definitely has a place to be recorded and celebrated for its past but I can't help feeling it's too outraged and neglected now.
I have lived in Cumbernauld Village for over 40 years and loved the town centre. But years of under investment and private developers have taken away its once proud identity."
- "I have lived here for almost 30 years.
The town centre has deteriorated considerably over this time. I travel outwith the area to the fort/ Braehead to shop a lot of the time due to the lack of variety of shops in the town centre."
- Please do not make this a listed building
- The overall concept and execution of Cumbernauld as a new town was flawed by comparison with, for example, East Kilbride. The town centre was a further example of following a trend rather than addressing practical fundamentals
- "For all its history any money was allocated to other Lanarkshire Towns, we have been forgotten and ignored for years, now is our time to blossom and grow for our children and grandchildren to be proud of their home town instead of hearing it ridiculed. What's it called?"
- Creation of a town centre with the community at heart should be the priority.
- It can be clearly seen that the additional malls attached to the original building highlight rather than enhance the structure's many failures.
- A relative once visited and initially thought it was a mining colliery.
- 'Architectural' significance is of little significance to the people who live and work in the town, The current structure is predominantly unused and doesn't fit the needs of the people. Perhaps if it was mildly aesthetically pleasing people may feel differently. It's a monument to a past vision that has long since died
- "New houses being built all the time in our town, as we are in a prime location for Scotland biggest cities airports etc, but for retail leisure entertainment purposes we all have to travel to these places.
We should be encouraging more business to come here not discouraging them"
- This building is an eyesore and is only a symbol of a run down centre. Knock it down & start again. Give the people of Cumbernauld a town centre to be proud of and not embarrassed.
- think I have said everything already
- "This building has no place in Cumbernauld's future.
Its passing would not be mourned.
It would be celebrated as the moment Cumbernauld moved on to a better future."
- It needed investment from the 80s onwards which was not given. The people of Cumbernauld have been living with a sub standard town centre for more than 40 years, please preserve the historical nature of the building with a documentary and with



exhibitions on the architectural nature of the building, but please demolish it and replace it with a building which is fit for the 21st century and learns from the mistakes of the original and highly experimental first town centre building.

- This building if it stays just keeps dragging down the area and stopping Cumbernauld become a better town for the future of people who live here and their families. So much more could be done to benefit the people but not if this building can't go which is a disappointment for the area and families and businesses
- It's a mess, it's not nice to look at and is of no use. Knock it down as will deteriorate even more over time and look even worse.
- Get people out in the area to get more opinions from people who live and work in the area and don't have or use online surveys
- I truly despise Brutalism. As does the vast majority of the public. The only people that like it are those that don't need to look at it every day or weirdo architects that have been brainwashed by their profession.
- By even considering listing this pile of crap you are only further subjugating the local populace to this abortion and as such no one in their right mind would want to invest anything to our town centre.
- Tear the old building down and build a centre that the people of Cumbernauld can be proud of and want to shop, socialise in and bring new businesses to the area. Proper management of a centre is also required who will look after and maintain the building.
- "As mentioned the place is an eyesore even adding the new part of the centre made no difference, we need a proper shopping centre that will attract others to visit bringing better income into cumbernauld

The shops are flooded constantly and smell of damp as the roof leaks on not only the old part but also the new part, buckets are all over the walkways, wet floors which could result in a slip trip or fall"

- "Cumbernauld deserves to have a shopping centre to be proud of, to be rid of the ridicule received because of the ugly building we were given for a shopping centre. It remains unsafe to all"
- "I have lived here for 50 years and have never heard a good word concerning the town centre building. There were plans before to knock it down and rebuild, we were all excited but instead they added a new bit on. Cumbernauld is the poorest of town centres, mostly due to the building and surrounding structures, of all the new towns. Even old towns have built structures suitable for the 20th century to present day and residential areas in Glasgow, not towns at all, have better amenities than Cumbernauld. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better than to keep a building and list it because of someone's belief that it has cultural value. A building can have a positive or negative affect on peoples lives and this one is negative on the culture and health of the people living with it day in and day out."
- The building is known as a joke. It does not serve the community effectively. Its an embarrassment and part of cumbernauld's negative reputation.
- The building leaks. Often smells of damp and mould. When it was built it wasnt fit for purpose and now is even less
- Would urge not to list to enable development for Cumbernauld. Current town centre is source of embarrassment and ridicule
- The whole building should be knocked down and either a new eco friendly shopping centre in its place or affordable housing for people



- Please demolish the town Center
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve better it is not fit for purpose
- Cumbernauld should be a thriving town however has nothing much to offer a sizeable population who have to travel for decent amenities and shopping
- I would like the buildings to be demolished as quickly as possible to allow the elderly to see the new building.
- The building is an eyesore, and should be demolished. It's had it's time, it should be removed to make way for a new modern centre
- "Cumbernauld has put up with this place for years with no real improvement made to it. It's worn out, it's done, it belongs back in the 1960's.
It doesn't have the scope to refit within a remit of within economical repair.
How much retail spend is out with of Cumbernauld? Falkirk, Stirling and Glasgow get the vast majority of local retail sales."
- The Big Clock should be on show at the new hub
- "As important as Cumbernauld town centre might have been back in the 60's when it was first developed; it is now time to bring it down and move forward. For too long now it has been the laughing stock of the town, which of course drives away investment.
Time for change. The people of Cumbernauld deserve better.
We can remember the "old" centre...in photos."
- it is my solemn wish that these structures are allowed to be retained in memory, video, literature etc. only and the physical buildings can be raised to the ground for the good of the whole population of Cumbernauld
- These questions drift away from the main reason why so many members of the Cumbernauld community want the town centre demolished and redesigned. A town centre must not only look good to draw people in but it must also draw in businesses, there are either charity shops, low budget stores or multiple fast food outlets in or around the town centre. People in Cumbernauld travel to Glasgow, Fort, Stirling or even Edinburgh to experience what a good town centre/retail park should be like, I travel to Livingston who have excelled in their town centre, it has multiple restaurants, cafes and shops as well as designer outlets. If I'm willing to travel all the way to Livingston for that experience then you could only imagine the source of income this could come from around the central belt and possibly further afield to shop at a new Cumbernauld town centre. The architecture is just the cosmetics behind the hatred towards the town centre but the main issue is there is nothing at the town centre that draws people in and spend time in it in a social aspect. Cumbernauld is an ever growing community with more and more new houses being built and with keeping the old town centre erected at the heart of the town, all it is doing at this moment is drawing people away from actually spending and time or investing their money back into the community.
- Whilst the building had merit, it has been changed in that the context of the centre has altered and the original concept has already been lost.
- It is extremely disappointing that this survey even needs to take place because some architects with no connection to Cumbernauld feel that this dated eyesore should be preserved. Cumbernauld residents have had to put up with dire facilities in a building that is well past its best for far too long and the quicker the bulldozers move in the better.
- As a community we have endured years of substandard facilities in our town and this is another example of someone trying to hinder us again



- The people of Cumbernauld deserve a shopping centre they can be proud of not drive past to go somewhere else
- Keep the clock
- for the amount of people living in the area we deserve something to be proud of to want to use instead of driving out of town and spending our money elsewhere
- This is another delay tactic
- please give the residents of Cumbernauld a decent town centre fit for purpose. I have lived in this town for 52 years and I'm ashamed of the state of our town centre.
- Bringing new shops, recreational facilities to the town will bring new life to Cumbernauld and generate money
- "It has always been an unsightly building. ugly from the day and hour it was constructed.. it would be better demolished rather than the depressing building it is now and always has been.
It is not of architectural interest.
To make it a listed building totally devalues all other special listed buildings of our heritage such as castles and stately homes. This building will fall into disrepair and become an eye sore or more of an eye sore than it is now. And always has been"
- I have stayed in Cumbernauld since 1971.....at the age of 7 i first saw the town center and thought to myself wtf is iti thought i was going into a jail.
- There are far too many unused and unusable spaces. There are lots of dark and dreary areas. It is full of walkways and different levels making it very difficult to navigate through. Not very good for modern accessibility needs.
- "Bring back the clock
Better bus service
Better shops"
- "Cumbernauld is very similar to Livingston and East Kilbride except for one important area. They both have a shopping and leisure centre that enhance the local community. It is important that Cumbernauld finally gets to have this and this building needs to go so that can happen."
- Yes...knock the place down asap
- The people of Cumbernauld are the only ones who should be able to have a say on the future of their town, after all we have to look at this monstrosity on a daily basis.
- "Please, please take this horrendous building down and replace it with a town centre our children can be proud of.
Honestly, it's a real embarrassment telling relatives and colleagues we live in Cumbernauld purely because of how bad the town centre is."
- Knock it down and start again on a smaller scale with shops leisure areas including swimming pool and health centre
- Is the megastructure just the bit on legs or toes it relate to the floors underneath (currently painted an incongruous blue)? Could we keep the raised structure as an inaccessible monument? I think it marks the skyline.
- It is actually quite a dangerous building to move about in having slipped on the appalling flooring on numerous occasions and fallen to the ground. It is a very unpleasant experience.



- The town centre is in a wonderfully elevated position and would be great for a feature of the new centre to have a high level viewing area. It's been done before as towers, with built in restaurant, retail units etc eg CN Tower Toronto.
- "Please when making a decision remember that this area is more than a building and that any protection afforded to the town centre will only limit its future use and room for growth.
Cumbernauld needs a new facility to cater for future generations and protecting this current iteration cannot provide this. Please don't let sentimentality from those who are long gone and moved on from Cumbernauld hold back our town's development for those of us who still call it home."
- Architectural significance is not a good enough reason to save something if it is inherently detrimental to the community it is supposed to serve. It is an example of how pre-planning a town can go wrong. Towns with (long) histories are organic spaces that grow and change over time. The megastructure prevents this.
- "Cumbernauld has generated huge revenue with all the new build but we rarely see investment back in.
I welcomed the lovely art works such as aria but yet to see any signage to it. The beautiful and i feel historical cottage theatre standing empty within a area of beautiful green space surely that building can become something of significant interest.
The links to walking routes badly sign posted and advertised.
The history of Cumbernauld often hard to find and explore
Promote the town and its surroundings before it simply becomes a concrete commuter base with no soul or character"
- Cumbernauld will never escape from the depression it sits under while we have such a hideously outdated and unfit town centre . It drags the whole area down .
- The town centre is outdated and no longer fit for purpose, it holds no cultural or historical significance and should be replaced with a more modern town centre. The building is a great deal of embarrassment to many in the town and should not be listed to allow the council to continue with their plans on modernising the town centre.
- "Cumbernauld I'd a great place to live and this part of the town is the only negative. Whilst my views are based on my personal experience as a resident I want Cumbernauld to be a safe, inviting and inspiring place for my children to live.
The current site provides none of the above."
- For the size of Cumbernauld, which is constantly growing, we need a modern, practical town centre to reflect this. It needs to have something for everyone and not only locals but it pulls customers from surrounding areas. The closest shopping centre is the Fort so people travel for good shops. If the town centre was revamped, it could rival the Fort and encourage visitors from further afield, which is great for local businesses. A cinema has been long anticipated and would be welcomed here. We need less pound shops and some decent shops. There is so much potential so let's not waste the opportunity to make Cumbernauld a better place for future generations!
- we make errors we miss judge what we need and why. we need to be so much more eco friendly all inclusive (access for all those abled and less abled) facilities to keep people in the local area. spending what little free income we have local and not 15 plus miles away !! in other shopping cinema entertainment complexes
- Knock it down, its an eyesore.



- The building just needs to be demolished and replaced with something of value to the community such as housing for the homeless or a social hangout for the younger generations so there not hanging around the streets and might give them something else to do
- The train xarriage in the sky just needs to go its also dated dirty and ugly. It serves no purpose to the vast majority of Cumbernauld. Demolish it and replace it with building fit for and safe for the Elderly, infirm and access for the disabled. We also need to encourage shoppers in by expanding the choice of shops, refreshment choices provide adequate parking with electric vehicle charging included. The terms I speak to are saying Cumbernauld offers NOTHING to do ablnD going to Glasgow is costly and difficult to return to at the end of the night. If we offered bars that were mixed with decent eating and some options for entertainment the town would flourish.
- If it gets saved i hope someone blows it up in protest at HES's stupid decision to list it
- Please for the love of God do not list that social experiment gone wrong
- For as long as I remember it has felt dark and dingy and as a young child, pretty scary with all its nooks and crannies. If you look at all modern shopping centres that attract high numbers like the new St. James Quarter in Edinburgh or the Braehead shopping centre in Glasgow, they are in one large area, usually oval or rectangular, over a number floors with a good court. That is what Cumbernauld needs. For the large population that live here we have no facilities- want a cinema, go to Glasgow or Falkirk. We are pushing the residents to spend their money elsewhere as there is not one central hub to get everything you need without going further afield. I actually think someone applying for a listing is taking the mickey - I've never heard anyone talk positively about how it looks in all my years. If you grant a listing you are signing a death warrant for the town.
- The centre has won the award for the worst town centre on numerous occasions. If you ask the residents the people who actually use: shop there they hate it / are embarrassed by it, we are in the top ten most inhabited places in Scotland. Let's give Cumbernauld something to be proud of. It's new town not everything worked first time, embraced what is good but get rid of what does not work 60 years on, the world and the community have moved on
- "I think to list the building would be a selfish act. It is a money put for those involved in the maintenance and it is unsustainable.
It is full of empty shops and the space is under-utilised.
I imagine it's energy efficiency ratings are poor and in the current climate if there is a way to build a more efficient building which benefits those in the local area with added opportunity for employment then I think that should have an heavy influence."
- Please do not stand in the way of progress. I have lived in the town since I was born. For a long as I can remember (47 yrs old) people have been complaining about the town centre and for the majority of that v time large parts of the centre have been inaccessible.
- It's looks like its falling down. Buckets everywhere when it rains. Its a mess outside and in. It needs to go. Entire town centre is a disgrace of add on buildings.
- We need to learn from our mistakes, not compound them by hiding behind a false notion of 'architectural history'. The original concept has now been shown to be detrimental to the health and well-being of the community.
- Get it demolished as soon as possible, the people of Cumbernauld deserve better.



- I want to be proud of where i live the town centre is what people know and remember and negatively identify cumbernauld with
- The buildings should be demolished and the land developed by private enterprise
- The building is a neglected eyesore, the rezide5of Cumbernauld ate long overdue a new modern shopping centre.
- "I have lived in Cumbernauld for 58 years and grew up here - it now needs a centre that is fit for purpose with A pedestrian area, bus station , something to want companies to open retail
Outlets here and meet the needs of the future generations of Cumbernauld"
- The town centre is horrific and needs to be redesigned. Cumbernauld is becoming a commuter town and therefore will be attracting families. The town centre needs to recognise its future, not its grey, stagnant past.
- As you have gathered from my comments I would like to see a new town centre built next to train and bus station it would therefore prosper and be well used by community and commercially by passing trade
- Every time cumbernauld has been slated in the media or on socials, this building is the the thumbnail. How many times has it won 'worst town award' or the 'carbuncle award?' It needs to go.
- It's time to modernise the town centre, it's a mess and it's out of touch with the needs of a major Scottish town
- This side of the town centre, in fact, the town centre as a whole is a dis grave and while it was probably modern in the 70's it definitely hasn't progressed any. With the amount of new houses built in Cumbernauld it's about time this eyesore was removed and a new modern centre built in its place.
- I would very much like to see the removal of the town centre building in its entirety. Not only has this monstrosity proven to have been a bad and very visibly ugly concept, but in many areas it feels that the structure is very much dilapidated now too. I feel that a thriving town like Cumbernauld deserves and needs a fit for purpose town centre. Perhaps this would lead to more locals spending their money locally too. Personally I travel to other areas to go shopping, and wouldn't if we had a nice town centre to use.
- I'm of the opinion that this request for the town centre to be listed is a tongue in cheek try on by some mischevious local. I mean c'mon, who in their right mind would genuinely think that the concrete cancer riddled centre is worth saving?
- By listing this building it would hinder the progress of a much needed redevelopment for Cumbernauld.
- The town centre is an embarrassment to the people of Scotland. I frequently have friends/ relatives from England visiting and I never take them anywhere near Cumbernauld town centre, even if they ask, instead I visit other towns because I'm ashamed of the place. And I have lived in Cumbernauld my entire life.
- "Pull it down. Fornthe next generation(s). Provide them something to inspire, provide, and be proud of.
The current town centre is what you do when you get extra legs years after an original set. You add monstrous additions with no idea or thought of what original planners wanted. Cumbernauld has long suffered its poor facilities and its about time it was flattened and planners developed a infrastructure and centre which works for the next generation and beyond."



- "It would be a travesty to list this structure that would condemn Cumbernauld to economic failure forevermore.
I believe this would be contrary to the spirit of listing buildings that should be beneficial."
- It's a dark , dismal structure, not fit for purpose. It may have been a beacon of architectural excellence at one time but not anymore . It's too bitty , add ons make it unsightly. The bus 'station' is an awful, scary place for lone travellers . Everything about the town centre is awful with bits added on here and there . Time to start over again and get it right this time .
- "I also now work on the building. ie maintenance.
It is a complete disaster. This building cannot be restored in any way as the roof and facade would take a endless pot of millions to do so."
- The current town centre is horrific. It brings the value of the town and community down. It is a total eyesore and could be much better planned.
- Lived in Cumbernauld for years. I would be surprised if anyone who believes this should be a historical building. Most residents of Cumbernauld would agree the best course of action is for total demolition and refurbishment to reinvigorate the local economy.
- It vital for the interests of the town that a flexible focal point for the town is created through a newly designed and developed centre to move on from the flawed ideas and assumptions of the current centre building
- Get a grip and demolish it.
- Maybe if the many landlords the center has had over the years had tried to repair or invest in the center peoples attitude may have been different, but the folk of cumbernauld deserve a town center that delivers to the people of cumbernauld
- Please do not list this monstrosity
- Knock it down and start again.
- The town urgently requires investment to ensure and support a future for our children and grandchildren
- If the town centre was to get better shops and facilities that would bring lots more people
- Bulldoze this filthy hole
- This is only being considered now by people who do not want the town to change and progress!
- I object strongly to elitists, who do not live in this town, or use these facilities, seeking to dictate the future of the people who do. Any attempt to do so will be resisted in the strongest possible terms by local residents and all avenues will be pursued in order to prevent the list of the town centre. The town deserves the right to move on. Ironical that a UNESCO World Heritage Site lies within the boundary of Cumbernauld in the Antonine Wall. What efforts has HES extended to ensure the preservation and protection of the remains of the Wall, which has been continually disrupted and built upon for decades?
- That town centre growing up played a huge part in my life and development, whether playing badminton at the Tryst, meeting friends and family, going to the doctor and dentist, the CAB, getting my first part-time job, or going shopping for records and clothes. Whilst I am utterly scathing about the building, I do have some happy memories and used it a lot growing up. Only an occasional visit now to visit relatives. But my



overwhelming feeling is one of what a huge architectural mistake this building is. Please start again.

- The good residents of Cumbernauld deserve better than this carbuncle!
- It is easy to get lost in the building if you don't know your way about. It is confusing to get to centre areas.
- Cumbernauld is brought down by this building and having the centre rebuilt would vastly improve the area.
- It's dated, and cold and unwelcoming, nothing about it excites anyone
- Building is old and in poor condition and not environmentally friendly. It's what makes Cumbernauld a joke to people not from here
- Please get rid of this. You've raised the council tax. We're getting less services yet paying more. I want a town centre that's clean / neat / tidy and well maintained. Full of nice trees and flowers. Not looking like it's just been lifted out of the Ukraine following a bombing campaign off the Russians! It's a toilet waiting to be flushed!
- I grew up in Cumbernauld but moved to Motherwell to be with my wife. I'd like to move back to Cumbernauld at some stage but it has been very difficult to persuade my wife that it's a viable option as the reputation of the town centre is so bad it has sullied her opinion of the whole town. There must be thousands of people out there who will not live or work in Cumbernauld largely because of the stain the town centre has put upon its reputation. Please don't make that stain permanent.
- Build something that is fit for the community and can work for the people and attract investment
- I've lived in Cumbernauld since 1962 I was at the opening of the town centre, it was a mess then and still is . It's never fulfilled its purpose
- By keeping this building standing it stops the community of cumbernauld having a centre worthy of a new town. The building is disjointed, falling apart in places and with the add pjs looks more like something a small child has built with Lego pieces.
- Building is not suitable for disabled people they have one small lift Stirling bound and dark deary ramp from one centre to other. Worst building ever
- It certainly fits the bill as a carbuncle on the landscape.
- It has never been user friendly, too many levels to negotiate & not enough access to them, ie wheelchairs buggies, its like climbing up & down hills with shopping. I have grown up in the town had children & grandchildren & only seen it get worse since the 80's shops & amenities have slowly disappeared.
- Whoever put this forward for listed status is insane. It's won numerous awards for being the biggest eyesore in Scotland and many parts of it have collapsed due to poor design and maintenance. It is completely unfit for purpose - I spend more time shopping in other towns and cities than in my home town and try to avoid setting foot in the building as it's failed experiment is depressing, difficult to navigate and a blot on the landscape.
- The local community are screaming for workable and better facilities. The demolition of this is essential.
- Cumbernauld has grown and grown over the years and deserves to have a Centre it can be proud of instead of attracting all the negativity this current Centre is given. It may have been built as a good example of a modern shopping centre but it has certainly not stood the test of time.



- As someone who used to work there, I have some nostalgia for the place, but despite initial utopian aspirations for the site, it has been a monumental and downright infamous failure of town planning. Cumbernauld needs to look to the future.
- Do the people who suggest that places like the town centre should be listed actually live in the area and have to look at it. I moved here 30 years ago to what was considered at the time an upmarket estate, there was talk of the centre being demolished and replaced by something less controversial.
- "The closest equivalent I have come across in Britain is the Birmingham Bullring. It similarly was constructed as a concrete monstrosity which was failing its community for decades.
Birmingham moved on many years ago and used the opportunity to regenerate and reimagine the City Centre.
Similar scope & ambition is required."
- Any town centre area needs a heart. Connectivity, community, care (including health care,) and culture are all things that are vital to us as residents but completely missing. The different 'bits' of centre have been wholly neglected and left to ruin. It is impossible for investors to consider the area as what would they gain? What have people out with the area got to attract them? Shopping habits have changed dramatically even before the pandemic but now more than ever investment - a complete overhaul is needed. A new vision is needed to take Cumbernauld out of the 70's into this century. To have something that is attractive to residents, to investors and for the national and international visitors we could have. I am only a resident for about 15 years but have lived within 7 miles of the area all my 51 years and it has and continued to deteriorate year on year. I feel strongly making the centre have historical status would hinder or even prevent progress and improvement. This cannot be allowed to happen. Change is long over due. I appreciate the need to recognise heritage but if not fit for purpose it needs to change.
- This building needs to be knocked down and forgotten about. There is no point in dedicating money to remembering something so useless
- "Reference my previous Answer its become a eyesore Am 62 years of age this year I moved out too Cumbernauld when I was 15.
My first job was when I was 16 working in presto supermarket up the Town centre. Then as a retail manager with Homecharm a wallpaper and paint shop the centre was a great place in those days and the Giant clock donated by Glasgow City Council was a icon meeting place next too woolco it had character back then its all gone now it needs that back again ."
- "The Town Centre as it is was ill conceived from the outset , it looks a mess from the road , looking at the back doors and loading bays of shops was never going to be attractive,
I have never liked it and always found the quality of shops to be more like market stalls than decent shopping outlets.
It is not a place where anyone would want to spend much time."
- Town centre should be fit for purpose, covered shopping and seating areas, well lit and safe environment. Variety of independent retailers should be encouraged.
- The town centre hasn't met the needs of the people of Cumbernauld for 30+ years and held back the development of the town, both in terms of commercially, retail (food and beverage offers) and leisure facilities.



- "The original concept of Cumbernauld was praiseworthy and several aspects of it were recognised by various awards from bodies involving architects, town planners and landscapers.

It was a great place to grow up and I will always defend the town from its detractors. However, it is impossible to defend what the town centre turned into and I feel it is time to admit that harking back to the exciting novelty days just won't cut it. Let's admit defeat and get rid of it."

- At best it is an architectural folly and at worst it is an embarrassment and it should be demolished. However there will always be plenty of photographic memories because I think it makes it into every book published with ugly buildings which are considered eyesores - surely it's time to put that behind Cumbernauld?
- Please do not put anything in the way of this building with the exception of bulldozers.
- The plans for a walking town centre is great however not having a sport centre or swimming pool will be so limiting for health and wellbeing outcomes for children and families.
- I lived in Cumbernauld for 14 years and my father was, at one time, centre manager at the Town Centre. It's the type of place that, no matter how hard you try, every "improvement" seems to make it worse. Tear it down and think properly about how to replace it.
- My parents moved to Cumbernauld from Glasgow, I have lived in Cumbernauld for 50 years, my children live in Cumbernauld, my grandchildren live in Cumbernauld. Please give the new generation something to be proud of and stop Cumbernauld being the laughing stock of North Lanarkshire.
- Bulldoze the entire thing and start from scratch. Listen to the people of Cumbernauld when they tell you what they want! Do not listen to pen and paper pushers who THINK they know what the people of this town need because they don't.
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve far better, this has been unsuitable for many years. Its like a scene from Clockwork Orange, there has to be an architect out there who can give us something to be proud of. We need a focal point for the town, somewhere people can access safely, well lit and welcoming.
- The access to all the add-ons is not available to the disabled, elderly and young families with prams and toddlers. The disabled and elderly are not able to move freely especially when the lifts and escalator are out of order and the enclosed access ramps are far too steep to walk safely .
- As someone who remembers when the ground that the town centre was built upon was a field. I can assure you that it looked much better as a field.
- Knock it down. Start again and build something beautiful.
- "Knock it down. Soon!

I have lived in Cumbernauld for over 30 years. My wife has lived here for over 60 years. Her family for even longer. I have brought up two children in Cumbernauld. The town centre is a source of disappointment. We have watched other towns develop faster and better. Cumbernauld is now populated by wealthy residents who make a major contribution to the finances of North Lanarkshire. They deserve something much better in civic amenities. Do not obstruct this by preserving this poorly regarded and obsolete structure."

- There is a groundswell of opinion in the town and beyond that the edifice should have been demolished years ago.



- Cumbernauld has no money. Don't waste the public purse. Spend money on providing Cumbernauld with better services instead.
- Town centre is a failed example of town planning and should be demolished
- The Town Centre needs to change. Its structure and layout is no longer fit for purpose and hasn't been for a long time. It needs rebuilt to serve the needs of the town properly.
- Please don't be swayed by calls to retain the building as a listed structure. This would be a massive snub to the town and its residents. The town has to move forward and removal of the town centre would represent a major step in its regeneration.
- The building is well passed its sell by date and is an eyesore and an embarrassment to the Town. The only thing that is good about it is Cornerstone Christian Fellowship which is situated in the old cinema/ bingo premises.
- You state in your YouTube introduction that economic factors are not considered. This is short sighted as almost all development is driven by economics and heritage buildings can be a drain on the economy if there is not a business case to support their retention.
- Please keep architects away from designing buildings in which their only interest is winning prizes and not the people using them
- I would be shocked if plans to improve Cumbernauld and make it less likely to appear on the list of eyesore town centres were stopped by this application to make it a listed building!
- Best removed and forgotten. A blight on the landscape and a dreadful legacy of architectural endeavour / interference.
- see my first reply
- I have no idea why someone would say that this building should become a listed building other than for a joke. The new proposed plans to replace it will do wonders for the Cumbernauld and the surrounding communities.
- Negotiating one's way through the town centre is not easy, especially for the disabled and mothers with prams/buggies. It also has too many unsafe nooks and crannies. Altogether it is much like the high rise flats: the architects win awards for their design but do not have to live in/use them.
- Again, I would just like to restate my view that Cumbernauld's residents deserve better than to be subjected to a monument to failed urban planning policy that does very little for their quality of life.
- Embodied carbon is now a big topic of conversation in any building project. 'Retro First', the concept that the greenest building is one that is still standing, along with re-use and refurbishment has to be a major consideration. The longer the original building stands, the lower its carbon footprint. Yes some additional elements could be removed to facilitate improvement, but to confine the original concrete and steel structure to waste is simply not necessary. From an ecological point of view 'Retro First' must be the primary consideration by the local authority planners otherwise how can they take account of the massive amount of embodied carbon presented by the demolition of the existing building and building of the new?
- Cumbernauld is in desperate need of a new town centre. It does not need a building that is a cause of embarrassment to be listed so that it is stuck there permanently.
- There are not enough accessible facilities in the town from the tryst, to facilities for families and more for the elderly generation. Most would travel to the centre on the bus and the bus stances are not the safest looking of places. I wouldn't let any of my



family travel to or from the centre in darkness and that's pretty early in the winter. Between the bus terminals and the older part of the walk ways in the older side of the centre, no chance at times do you feel safe there.

- I think I have covered most of the community thoughts
- "I think to keep this eyesore of a building is a ridiculous argument. With the council tax paid in the G67/G68 area, it is unacceptable for our local amenities to be left as it is. Cumbernauld deserves more and better and needs modernised to bring it up to a 21st century standard."
- I understand its inception and the idea at the time but it's completely different now, the area around it, the structure itself, it's just useless and an ugly building to live with. Record it, but don't make us keep it. It's time and utility has long passed, it's not a point of interest and we need to move on.
- I would like to understand the rationale for considering listed status.
- Unfortunately like many things in Cumbernauld I cannot see any of this happening quickly, if at all. As far as NLC is concerned the northern corridor is left out of many things. (Apart from selling off green spaces to private developers with no infrastructure in place.)
- More plants trees grass flowers less concrete jungle
- I'd just like to take the opportunity again to get through the importance of our younger generations having somewhere to go and spend their time in a positive way. As mentioned the new leisure hub/centre plans would be great. But what would also be great is if it had youth clubs/ programmes, as mentioned maybe a cinema or bowling alley. Only thing that is in Cumbernauld is the bingo, which is, for the most part, for pensioners..which is great for them..but as mentioned our kids need to be thought of too. I know we have rock N roller. But I'd say again it's more for a younger child to attend with friend or parents rather than something teenagers would choose to do.. new plans give such a fantastic opportunity for our younger ones. I think it would be of benefit if you maybe done some sort of survey around high schools to see what kind of things the kids are looking for. Or more specifically, what they need to thrive in their community..because right now. Majority of them have nothing to do, no where to go, so they hang around the streets drinking....it's created a very anti social culture with our young people and I think just having simple things like this in place would make a world of difference to our young people's lives
- "The current Town Centre doesn't encourage much social interaction for the residents of Cumbernauld, bringing them together to make use of shared facilities and amenities. This is more important than listing a building that is not fit for purpose (old lifts that are sometimes out of service, heavy doors without assisted opening, amenities on the top floor that children use (library and nursery), leaking roofs (buckets used to catch the dripping water, really come on!!!!)) Listing a building that will soon become structurally unsafe at worst and old and outdated at best, is a waste of everyone's time and effort. The current owners of the Centre are clearly not interested in the upkeep of the buildings, and I wonder whose responsibility it would be to maintain and upgrade the current buildings. I see a possibility of decay and abandonment of the Centre, letting it run down very badly. Better to allow a fresh vision to be created in the current Centre's space, to avoid a point of no return from eventual decay and demolition."



- Cumbernauld Town Centre needs to be managed by one council and/or factor. Rent has been far too high for too long. Therefore making it an undesirable location for the 'big businesses'. Consideration should also be given to where Cumbernauld sits geographically, in particular to the ease of getting to all of the major cities. Also retail parks 'popping' up in areas that are difficult to access for people who rely on public transport. We need one Centre.
- No requirement this is an eyesore and never fit for purpose
- If there was a 'ne plus ultra' of unfitness, ugliness, and impracticality, unsustainability, and something that could not be repaired, or modified, then this is it. It's not a community benefit, it's a burden on the senses inside and out. If it had worked and the locals wanted to shop there by choice, they would. Most of it lies empty, the units are lit by striplight, it's not got daylight or natural light, no windows, it's a random fankle of an imagined, failed future that never arrived, because the real world was better.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre is deflated and underdeveloped. It is now time to let go of this area and allow a significant boost to the area.
- We aren't talking here about a building it's more than that, the wish to see Cumbernauld TC move from the 1960's to 2020's, To condemn the taxpayers and citizens of Cumbernauld to that era of services is simply wanton, rose tinted nostalgia... paid for both fiscally and amenity wise by the people who live here.
- I currently work in the library on the 3rd floor of the Town Centre. I'm saddened to see how much the residents have been let down by this building. If it doesn't work for the people of Cumbernauld, a new Town Centre space requires to be developed.
- "Please demolish this eyesore and stigma to the town, the embarrassment has gone on for long enough.

Time for a new development and hopefully a bit of civic pride will return to the town too.

Next up... the Tax Office building.

We need a shopping area to be proud of along the lines of the Fort.

Cumbernauld is the fourth largest town in the whole of Scotland and yet we have no Cinema or focal point area to go at the weekends with families young and old.

At Westfield someone had the vision to build and now it's the busiest mini-shopping area in the town."

- I've lived in Cumbernauld for 17 years. The town centre is a disgrace and not fit for purpose. The residents of the town deserve a modern, safe, accessible town centre. At present most people travel outwith the town to shop and socialise (Glasgow, Falkirk, Stirling etc)
- The best thing that could be done would be for this building to be demolished and a decent shopping centre with decent shops etc be built, Cumbernauld is classed as a new town but seems to be stuck in the dark ages
- Apart from what I previously said, the centre is a freezing deathtrap in the winter, there is no heating, buckets everywhere to catch water, floors soaking wet with water, more than likely the ONLY TOWN CENTRE WHERE SHOP STAFF AND CUSTOMERS HAVE TO WEAR COATS, GLOVES, HATS AND SO ON.
- I honestly find it incredible that this survey is taking place, to consider Cumbernauld Town Centre, the absolute eye sore that it is and winner of the 'carbunkle' award for worse town centre. I thought it was a joke when I first heard about it. PLEASE PLEASE



PLEASE - Cumbernauld needs a new town centre, fit for 2022 and beyond! It has done well to last 60 years, but its 30 years long past needing replaced.

- "Perhaps in time most buildings outlive their reason for existing however the new Antonine centre has avoided the claustrophobic ambience of the old centre, no more the rabbit warren of labyrinthine passages under grey ceilings, the fumes of taxis and buses, and the long steep ramps for wheelchairs.
No, the Antonine centre is not perfect but it is spacious, bright, clean and still has a positive atmosphere."
- "Incase i wasn't clear enough we (as a town) need this money spent on us. It would be a gross injustice to subject the residents to living with this monstrosity a minute longer than they have to.
Also if there anyone has objections to the planned improvements why not state your case in public? Why are they so shy? I think you know why."
- When hopefully Cumbernauld Town Centre is reconstructed it must be planned by people who want to encourage businesses and visitors. However as I mentioned earlier the through carriageways would need to be replaced by tunnels. Money or lack of it will probably hamper (stop !) this. The outcome being no real change, I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1976.
- This mess of a building is holding back the whole future and prosperity of Cumbernauld and forces residents to drive to better facilities in nearby towns and cities. This leaves those who have no other option as sorryful place to shop and socialise.
- Imho it was a great idea at the time..unfortunately it did not adapt to changes in peoples shopping habits, nor cater for Leisure activities.
- The build makes it very difficult to navigate around the town centre and is very disjointed
- He community is desperate for a new town centre, the current one is truly terrible. The current buildings are not even nice to look at, and definitely not worth keeping. I know of not 1 resident that thinks it's worth keeping.
- It would be a first if the council listens to the populations of Cumbernauld and took this eyesore down replace with an open-air shopping precinct like the successful Fort in Glasgow
- We don't have a choice we need an up to date cost efficient building.
- "In the name of God, demolish it and start again.
It was awarded, rightly so, the carbuncle of the year, its bity and piece of unadulterated mayhem"
- It's a shit hole that needed pulled down years ago.
- In any one day you will find most of the customers in the newest part of the town centre (Antonine Centre) which feels so different compared to the old part of the town centre. the old town centre is very quiet and depressing to be honest. its time for a change for the benefit of Cumbernauld.
- The building does not work for modern day living. It is not inviting, badly maintained (and if NLC are responsible for this then they have much to answer to). It is not easy to walk around - just get rid.
- "I have lived in and around Cumbernauld for 60 years, I also worked in the town centre in the 80's, the original structure has already altered when the hotel was removed. The originality is lost with the additional phases which are proof themselves the original concept didn't work..



Time for change."

- "When we moved here and tried to find our way around the old shopping centre we were amazed that this could ever have been designed!
Then the redundant 'carbuncle on stilts'!!!
Presuming the minority who want it listed don't live here?"
- Please invest in the regeneration of the town centre to create a vibrant hub for the community and to raise the standard of Cumbernauld. The town centre as it is today is past its 'use by date' and is deteriorating at an alarming rate. I avoid visiting the town centre unless absolutely necessary and travel elsewhere to shop. I wonder how many other residents are doing the same resulting in lost revenue for the town.
- It is imperative for the future of Cumbernauld that a new centre is constructed and that we are not held back by the recent past
- As a Fellow of the RIAS I was young architectural student caught up like my peers in the Geddes euphoria but privileged to live along life in architecture I learned to analyse competing forces of idealism and commercialism in life's journey.
- It's an eyesore
- I feel very strongly about not listing Cumbernauld Town Centre. I am shocked that this is even being considered. I hope having taken the time to complete this that my opinions are taken seriously.
- I am 56 & grew up in & have raised my family here. I feel very strongly about the town I grew up in. Have been saddened to see it decline.
- The design would have been good to keep if authorities had maintained a good standard. But the buildings have been failed. It now just looks a mess with so many different pieces just being added without thought
- This monstrosity needs pulled down not listed. It is of no use whatsoever to the people of this town
- Please use common sense it needs to go to make way for a better future for all residents in Cumbernauld and visitors.
- Dynamite and a match spring to mind
- Most people from Cumbernauld go to Asda and Tesco for groceries and shop in Glasgow or Falkirk for anything else who have shops where we enjoy spending our hard earned money. Why should we be any different. Cumbernauld has a centre which is run down and the only joke is calling it a SHOPPING centre
- The town centre is a shambles, it has been destroyed as has Cumbernauld. I have lived here my entire life and the only place I go is Tesco, Cumbernauld TC is a disgrace and has never been looked after
- I appeared on the TV programme Demolition about 17 years ago, and here we still are discussing the dilapidated town centre, but yet more oblong boxes have been built. The whole thing needs to be re-thought and the people of Cumbernauld should have a new welcoming people centred 'town centre' because what we have now is the absolute opposite!
- The sooner it's demolished the better. People have been complaining about the Town Centre since the 1980s. Why have we had to wait so long to be heard?
- Making the town centre a listed building will mean the town would be stuck with an ugly eyesore and diminishing facilities. It would also lumber the owners or possibly eventually the council with a huge money pit as it continues to rot and decay.



- Cumbernauld town centre has lost its purpose. Unless you want a card shop or a charity shop to donate unwanted items it serves no purpose to community. I remember not even 15 years ago and you could be up the town centre all day with plenty to see and do including the library and museum. Now it is just avoided.
- It's horrible. Locals go there because they have to. Visitors to the town do not go there.
- In its hey day I had friends who lived in the penthouse fabulous flats frequently used the hotel to eat in and had some great nights out there also the CDC social club was greatly used for many years there was fewer but better quality shops then as well but now we have nothing
- We've won the Carbuncle Award twice. No other town has achieved this. It's humiliating to be known as "Scumbernauld" and it's no wonder all the people here are depressed having to see the monstrosity from far away, let alone hang out inside it.
- Can't believe all the money and time that will be spent on this survey. The people of Cumbernauld need a better offering. No incentive to shop or mingle at the town centre as the foot fall will tell you. People don't spend their money in Cumbernauld unless they have to! Waken up to your community and what they want. Don't 'slap' us in the face again by letting this historical disaster become a listed building.
- It about time something serious was done to the UK's ugliest buildings
- No I think I've made my views clear. Knock it down and rebuild us a decent town centre that we might enjoy shopping in..
- "Geoffrey Copcut the team leader and principal designer of the centre was a charismatic and persuasive personality. He needed much closer supervision by the architectural and planning leadership of the new town. He created a very personal response to the design problems of creating a functioning megastructure, which has inevitably resulted in the current inflexible and patched up building which we now have."
- Please raise this abomination to the ground as soon as possible so we can get on with building a new town centre fit for the 21st century.
- The current buildings are uninviting and in no way address the functionality that the original architects had in mind for the structure(s). The building is cold and contains many areas that are dark and imposing which leads to a feeling of concern when using certain areas such as the bus stops/station.
- It would be awful if the only chance to bring Cumbernauld up to a reasonable standard was wasted because the building is listed.
- As previously stated, this building is ugly, outdated and seen as an embarrassment to the people of Cumbernauld. We've been crying out for years for funding to better the facilities available for the upcoming generations. Instead it has been neglected and fell in to a state of disrepair. It does not meet the criteria or deserve to be designated as a listed building. The sooner it's demolished and redesigned the better!
- "Please in all good consciousness tear it down it's a monstrosity and an embarrassment to the whole town.
It should not be given heritage status because it was never admired enough to be copied anywhere else in Scotland as a super idea of a building. Modern Shopping Malls are far superior in every way, which is why most residents go elsewhere for retail therapy"
- Give Cumbernauld people a Town Centre and shopping centre that it deserves. You never know, you might actually attract people to come to Cumbernauld and not flee out of it every weekend.



- "Please listen to the people that matter e.g. THE RESIDENTS of Cumbernauld who have to use the town centre.
The reason I do not include my contact details is due to fear of getting spam emails and put on mailing lists."
- The whole town centre should be flattened and started again to maximise the area and to fit with the local community providing shops and entertainment areas
- It seems that the majority of people who want to keep the Town Centre don't live in Cumbernauld. Please listen to the people who live here
- "The safety of the people working and living in Cumbernauld should be of paramount importance. The more open spaces, green spaces the better and safer Cumbernauld will be. This can only be achieved by demolishing the Town Centre.
The Town Centre was described as "the Kabul of the North" in 2001, with particular derision reserved for the town's shopping centre, described as "a rabbit warren on stilts".
- Well done to Jamie Hepburn MSP and Stuart McDonald MP have written to Historic Scotland to stop the building from being listed. Shame on the person from Cumbernauld who is not naming themselves, but wants to keep a building that does nothing to keep the community safe.
- Remember, twice, Cumbernauld has been given the Carbuncle award. That speaks volumes on what people think.
- The most famous film, in my opinion, about Cumbernauld is Gregory's Girl and the film makers kept the Town Centre out of the movie. Need I ask why.
- Please, please please, keep Cumbernauld as safe as possible and demolish this concrete eyesore with the underpasses and unlit dark areas.
- Thank you for giving me this platform to give my views."
- There has been no hesitation in demolishing flats and houses and schools of the same era. Why would the town centre have any more value?
- I don't think so.
- Knock it down and do something amazing. No more concrete brutalism. Imagine a self-powered self-heated green paradise where you visit just for the hell of it, not just to shop.
- Cumbernauld Town Centre has always been the subject of jokes and scorn due to its impractical and unsightly design. It is not a building that has provided a safe and interesting shopping experience. The library sits on the top of the centre and is accessed via dangerous pathways. Even today I am wary of walking through this town centre. My daughters currently rent a shop unit in the old town centre which is dated in design and layout. There is minimal maintenance and accessibility issues throughout the whole town centre. There is no scope to grow their business on this unsightly site.
- If you look at the new towns in Scotland, each of them has a modern town centre which suits the needs and has the desired facilities. Cumbernauld has not had this for a long, long time. It must be modernised to attract people to spend time there
- "History is important, listing historical buildings is important, however preserving this gigantic monstrosity would be at the expense of the community.
Let.It.Go"
- Since I was little we always went elsewhere for our shopping to other towns as we never had what others were fortunate to have because their Councils listened to them.



North Lanarkshire Council have never looked at Cumbernauld as being a town to be proud of but I am proud of the town and where my parents chose to bring us up. So perhaps it's time to do something for "the new town" for once and give Cumbernauld what it needs.

- As a resident of Cumbernauld we would like to see a modern fit for purpose facility. This is well past its sell by date.
- "Not the safest of spaces
Drab
Slippy surfaces when wet"
- The original concept for the centre was almost a city in the sky but it never fully realised its potential. Any replacement needs to learn from the history of what went wrong.
- Cumbernauld has been saddled for long enough with this white elephant of a structure. The town deserves something better, a more open centre that doesn't feel like something out of a low budget zombie movie. Something with a safer ambiance.
- As stated above, the town centre is the reason the town has been repeatedly awarded the Carbuncle town award. This is exasperating for a town full of interesting domestic architecture and lots of wonderful green space. This has been highly stigmatising for Cumbernauld. It is no wonder that the town centre is so uniformly hated by residents. It is a burden residents should not be expected to carry to satisfy a minority interest in extreme architectural brutalism on the part of people who for the most part do not live in the town and certainly do not use it. Indeed the people who suggest the town centre buildings should be listed would not want these buildings in their own towns and would be the loudest critics of it if they had to put up with it as a town centre. It would be a disaster for Cumbernauld if this hotch potch of different buildings were designated as listed buildings as the town would be saddled with this set of failed buildings and shops that would never achieve any improvement given the evidence of the poor management, maintenance and lack of investment in the centre by the different private owners since the mid 1990s.
- This is not significant enough to ruin the future opportunity of a community forming in new town centre in Cumbernauld.
- Architects should be made to live in the design they come up with for 10 years.
- "Replace the embarrassing, useless , hideous mess that is our town centre.
Take photographs to document it if you must.
Build something designed with intelligence and care , that people who live here will actually be proud of , and want to use."
- Total waste of Council Tax paid by North Lanarkshire residents and Business Premises
- NLC has allowed the town centre to be run down. Cumbernauld in general too. Other areas in NL have far more money spent on them
- "The building is loved and hated.
But there are environmental thoughts about demolition. It is better, where possible to retrofit and refurbish buildings.
We shouldn't knock things down because they are no longer fashionable. Or if we do, we should offer Cumbernauld something wonderful as it's replacement."
- Too many jobs will be lost for those who work in centre and there isn't many jobs available in Cumbernauld
- I think the council should do more for the town it needs more loving care for the people



- It's value lies mainly in its use rather than it's interior or exterior appearance although both of these are not without their charms. However, it is evidently not redundant as the aim is to replace it with a mixture of commercial and public/civic buildings and purposes. Therefore the building could/should be stripped back to its basics (the mega-structure) and re-interpreted, extended and adapted to suit it's new purposes however it's new owners are determined not to do this and have paid lip-service at best to this approach. I therefore believe listing it is the only way to protect Cumbernauld's historic story.
- I feel I have explained my personal reasons for preserving the building in question
- This building is damp, depressing, unsightly and in disrepair and is not a building that you would want to walk through at night or day for that matter.
- Please demolish this building and give us Cumbernauld residents a shopping area we want to visit
- I definitely think Historic Environment Scotland should put some effort into getting some high resolution imagery, possibly even scans with lasers of the building as there should be some preservation of the structure for future study despite it no longer being fit for purpose
- "I would invite the decision makers to take a solo walk around parts of this building on a quiet afternoon to perhaps experience the feelings of fear in being in such a desolate and isolated space. There are many parts of the centre that I do not go to alone as I feel they are unused and unsafe. I should not have to feel that walking through my own town.

Spend a bit of time at one of the bus stances on a quiet evening, you will feel that fear too. Public transport routes and access from one side of the town to the other are linked to walking through this quiet and sometimes dark space, another scary experience. Look at the empty units and unused spaces - few would want to locate there. No amount of paint, cladding or other dressing up could make the centre fit for use so please give our town the chance of ditching the "carbuncle awards" the laughing stock badge and let us get in with developing a modern, safe, functional community based space for the future."

- The building is an eyesore. I have grown up in Cumbernauld and it's always been an embarrassment to locals. We need something modern and fit for purpose which will draw people in to Cumbernauld.
- If it is designated a listed building I think they should only keep the bit that is shaped like a ship making it a museum or arts centre. The new Town centre befitting the people should be built near the train station and include a new bus station too.
- I think as this town centre is in Cumbernauld the decision on listing or otherwise should be put to a vote, with ONLY the people of Cumbernauld allowed to vote. And only people who live and are registered to vote in Cumbernauld. It would then be up to Historic Scotland to convince the people of Cumbernauld of the benefit of listing. There should be a polling day when everyone can either go and vote or have a postal vote
- "My family has lived here for 46 years and have witnessed the gradual deterioration of the Town Centre. Admittedly the Antonine Centre was a very welcome addition. Those who feel a loyalty to it are few and far between and several of them no longer live here but have fond childhood memories.

A new Town Centre is long overdue. Please give the people what they deserve."



- I believe the residents of Cumbernauld deserve to have a new and up to date town centre that reflects the needs and demands of the people who use it now. The current town centre building is not fit for purpose, and is a eyesore.
- I have lived and brought up my family here for over 45 years and would like to plead with you to think of the people who actually need to use this space and not people who never set foot here but have an opinion
- Cumbernauld has become a commuter town as a direct result of the poor quality of the Town Centre, most people spend there shopping and leisure time outside of Cumbernauld in places that serve their needs better, the projected 10-15 years to remedy this is unacceptable, a 5 year plan needs to be actioned and that is being generous, otherwise it will never happens as successive councils will continue to push the deadline further out.
- Cumbernauld should not be defined by a building, it needs proper facilities provided where this building sits. It already costs too much too maintain and is an eyesore, listing it will only cause already listed funds to be diluted for its upkeep
- The building is ugly, difficult to navigate, and supported through bad weather with buckets on the floor throughout. It needs to go.
- I've had links with Cumbernauld town centre since its construction and can say with some authority that this eyesore has become a place to be avoided wherever possible. It makes no sense to preserve the structure that does not now serve its intended purpose.
- Give this town a decent shopping centre and bring in more decent shops .
- Why can't the residents of cumbernauld have a well designed light and airy shopping centre that they deserve and will enjoy using?
- Please listen to the people of Cumbernauld who are the ones who use the Centre and spend their hard earned money in it. They deserve facilities which are fit for the 21st century, which are a credit to the town and may even attract visitors from outwith the town. This is not some castle but is certainly a 'brutal' eyesore which makes me ashamed of our town.
- "For far too long now, Cumbernauld has been overlooked and been the butt of all jokes in regards to its 'Town Centre.' It is a concrete, rabbit warren completely unfit for modern living today.

A dank, grey, depressing and truly awful place to visit. So much so, that in living here for almost 19 years, I could probably count on 1 hand, the number of times I have been in the old part of the Town Centre. I haven't even been in the Antonine Centre since prior to the start of the pandemic, as there is just nothing there. If I want shops, I will travel to Falkirk or The Fort as it is outdoors and much more user friendly, with a selection of retailers more akin to 2022!

I remember being brought out to Cumbernauld (from Kirkintilloch) by my parents in the early 1980's and even then, the place was an unfit for purpose, concrete jungle. I can believe that more than 40 years on & now being a resident of Cumbernauld, the TC is still there and is as bad as ever. Time to move on and build something much more suited to modern day living and considerably more aesthetically pleasing."

- "The building has passed its ""use by date"".
- Any awards it received in its early days were based on very limited parameters and carry no value today.



It must not be thought of as just a building or collection of buildings. The town centre should be driving the social and economic future of Cumbernauld. The existing Town Centre will never fulfill this role."

- Please let's have a town centre designed for current living, with a future proofed infrastructure that's well designed and accessible to all
- I would love to have something that my family can use. I would love to not have to venture to Glasgow or other places in order to go shopping or socialise. My young family this or they will not be willing to stay local or even live local if Cumbernauld when they're older if there's nothing here for them
- Take a picture of it for posterity,
- Please demolish and allow a modern town centre that the public will enjoy shopping in !
- It's a total eyesore and a drain on local resources. I cannot keep saying this enough. It has even been described as a carbundle of architecture in the past. Please do a "Frozen" and "Let it Go".
- Assignment of listed building status to this eyesore that is not fit for purpose in the 21 century, would hinder the progress and development of the area. The community want better, modern facilities. If historians have an interest in the structure they can look at the blue prints.
- The plans by NLC would allow the community of Cumbernauld and the surrounding twins and villages to move on from what is a building that is not fit for purpose. Try walking through it anyone doing so would never want to keep it.
- The plan for the town centre should start with a blank sheet of paper and provide a centre that is safe and welcoming for the local residents.
- Make the right decision ... do not list ... demolish.
- I feel Cumbernauld is lacking massively as a new town, visiting East Kilbride and livingstone Town centres these make Cumbernauld look very old fashion
- "Please let the people of Cumbernauld be rid of to monstrous eyesore once and for all. It was a good idea at the time, but has proved to be a failed delivery in its building and maintenance.
I avoid the place at all cost."
- "The town centre is a depressing and intimidatory environment which puts me off doing business there. It creates a very misleading impression of the community. Most inhabitants of Cumbernauld apologise for the original buildings located there and are at pains to stress that it is not representative of the rest of the town. Visitors leave with a prejudiced view of the whole town."
- I've lived in Cumbernauld for 24 years and can honestly say that the Town Centre is an ugly stain on an otherwise very pleasant area. Cumbernauld is surrounded by natural beauty and the Town Centre only serves to distract us from it. It has long since passed any useful operational function. and the once quirky architectural significance of the centre itself has completely lost relevance. Architecture by definition evolves and I'm certain even the original architects, if given the opportunity, would recommend that the Centre should be replaced to suit modern requirements using eco friendly, sustainable and energy efficient materials.
- It's about time the people of Cumbernauld were allowed to decide what happens in our town instead of being bullied by interfering people who have absolutely nothing to do with the town or the surrounding areas. It is disjointed, it's depressing and has won the carbundle award on more than one occasion which shows it is not only the residents of



our town who hate it. We deserve a place which is light and airy, where shopping becomes a pleasure, where shops actually want to come and set up business instead of a place which can only attract charity shops and pound shops.

- Cumbernauld requires a town centre that would make residents proud. Create a new beacon of hope that will be used and create jobs for current residents
- Whilst appreciating the sentiment of the person/s trying to have the building listed, they are only going to cause more problems to the people of Cumbernauld. People locally on low incomes and no access to private transport have to use the shops there, and due to the high rents prices are high, people who do have the opposite situation leave Cumbernauld to carry out their transactions. Most people I know, and myself, prefer to go to shopping centres in Glasgow, Stirling, Livingstone or Edinburgh -that can't be good for the economy of our town and it's resulting socio-economic impact.
- "As before, it's time to move on please get rid of the eyesore known as the town centre. And while you are at it please remove the so called waves, another waste of taxpayers money, another eyesore with absolutely no purpose."
Pull the place down and start again
- When you visit other Town Centres or shopping centres e.g. Silverburn you see what can be done Cumbernauld Town Centre is an unwelcoming place. Also most people spend their money in Glasgow , Stirling or Breahead . I think voting with their feet tells you all you need to know.
- Look at the progress of Livingston/ East Kilbride as new towns and how there shopping/ Leisure facilities developed. Cumbernauld is behind these by decades
- It is a disgrace and needs to be replaced
- We desperately need modernisation. We need a cinema, quality restaurants, updated walkways to connect our town.
- As someone who has lived in Cumbernauld all of their life. I am sick of being embarrassed by the state of the shopping centre, the lack of shops inside and how rundown it is. If the word depression had a picture, it would be this town centre!
- I confirm I am happy to share my knowledge of the building.
- I have grown up in Cumbernauld and I feel extremely strongly that the current Cumbernauld town centre should be demolished. I haven't spoken with one resident of Cumbernauld who has felt otherwise. To make this building a listed building would be ignorant to the opinions of the residents of the Cumbernauld area.
- If this building gets listed there will be huge community uproar. There are zero benefits to the people of this town to list it.
- I came from Glasgow to Cumbernauld in 1961 aged 12. I have lived or worked in the town since then. Cumbernauld helped me to improve my life but the Town Centre is the greatest disappointment. A town with a population of around 60,000 should be economically viable with jobs, shopping and leisure spaces and a strong sense of community. We have some of these but lack identity.
- As a child I loved the clock face. It's maybe the only thing to be proud of, definitely something that should be preserved. I have worked and shopped within the town centre, neither brought much satisfaction.
- Whoever put this forward for historical status must be mad. It's a place I hate going to as it's just a mess



- The current structure does not, in my opinion, reflect the positive aspects of Cumbernauld and gives a false impression of degeneration when, in fact, the town is not like that at all.
- If the regeneration and redevelopment of Cumbernauld town hub does not go ahead because the town centre becomes listed, I imagine this would create a huge amount of ill feeling among local residents. I do not know whether this sort of 'public opinion' is taken into consideration during the decision on whether or not to list a building (sorry I did not have time to read the notes) but being shackled with this for all time will be a real kick in the teeth to the people of Cumbernauld, and probably the death knell for any small sense of nostalgia people may hold about it.
- "Lived here for 50+ years and watched this ugly structure fail at every turn. It has been added to many times and each addition (e.g. Antonine centre) put the failures of the original structure into stark relief.
Like many residents I want to spend my available money in the town but travel to Glasgow or Stirling to avoid the misery of the town centre"
- Yes please let this monstrosity be concealed to the history books as it is a really cold drafty damp dreadful please that people of the area have had to see this eye sore of a building might have been grand when new but but it was never completely finished so its definitely a carbuncle!!!!!!
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve a town centre to benefit the town which it does not
- The average person in Cumbernauld is not interested in the views of architects, they want a central community hub that meets there needs. The current tc looks horrendous and is of poor quality, a mish mash of different sections, roofs leaking, hot and cold spots and rarely attracts new business.
- There is a duty to retain buildings of historic interest however this cannot be at the expense of community development. Where the location is important for future development and there are other examples of the form existing then alternative means of recording that particular example should be utilized.
- Build something modern to attract present and future generations, so much so that they will use the facilities and not buy on line!
- It is not currently and never has been a community hub only a shopping mall
- Get decent builders and designers with a vision for the future
- Rip the place down it is an ugly outdated structure that stinks of a town on poverty.
- Cumbernauld is a great place to live and work. Unfortunately the Town Centre is it fit for purpose. I don't agree with the buildings being listed as knocking down and rebuilding a suitable modern space would be more beneficial to people of the town.
- The town centre building needs to go. It is an unpleasant place to use and has become much worse over the years. There appears to have been minimal investment in it and is basically somewhere to be avoided if possible.
- I would not wish such requests for a protected status of this site to be misused as excuses or delaying tactics by any organisation or group looking to protect its existing business and would ask that those responsible for reviewing such requests take time to consider any ulterior motives that may exist.
- I want to emphasize I know of no one who wants this blight on the town retained. By pursuing an interest in retaining this building you are holding the town, it's people and it's prosperity back



- As I have said, I consider the town centre structure an absolute carbuncle on the area. I am not alone. I have lived in Cumbernauld for over forty years; I have yet to hear anyone say they want to retain it. Popular opinion is to demolish it. We do not want some outside organisation sticking its nose in trying to foist its survival on us.
- If they are doing a draw to press the button to demolish can I put my name forward for the job.
- Please pull it down/blow it up
- Thank you for the opportunity to express my views
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve better and not to be subjected to a constant reminder of brutalistic architecture of a time long since past
- Just demolish it It looks dreadful and is so depressing
- I have found in the past that the powers that be don't listen to the people vote cumbernauld
- There are many elements for the Cumbernauld townsfolk to reminisce over but surely it all boils down to its usefulness, purpose and function as a structure rather than its hyped up facade and historical significance at one time.
- There was a competition/consultation on the town centre many years ago. An architect made a very interesting design. While keeping the facade, all traffic was to go around the outside, making the internal main road pedestrianised, with shops facing inwards. If we are to keep it we must adapt it radically.
- "Please withdraw any interest in trying to get the monstrosity given a status that would deny the people who live and work in Scotland with the chance to have a town centre that we have wanted for many years.
I resent non residents and users of the centre coming in and trying to prevent the changes when they will move onto another project of "saving" buildings and not be left with the day reality of living here"
- The people that make up Cumbernauld deserve a new and well thought out centre. Looking at Stirling or Falkirk we can compare with similar sized places
- It's time has come and gone
- "I've lived in Cumbernauld most of my life and sadly spend as little time in the town centre as possible. The atmosphere is depressing and nothing about the building layout or shopping experience encourages me to spend money and time there if I can help it."
- Whilst the proposed changes probably will not occur in my lifetime, the new generation of Cumbernauld residents deserve a more appealing and functional town centre, the current one served its purpose for us in the 1960's, 1970's and even the 1980's but it no longer meets the requirements of today's residents
- if you already hold info in your archive this could also be put in the library
- I grew up in the town and used the centre a lot, including working there. I still visit the town to see friends and family and we are all of the view that the best thing that can happen is to start over from a clean sheet. The 50 years of tinkering and neglect have proved disastrous. Other new towns, eg Livingston, have redeveloped their centres in the same time period with much greater success.
- Cumbernauld is the largest town in North Lanarkshire and should have a thriving centre which is attractive and meets the needs of its inhabitants.



- Please save our green space to keep us breathing before you save concrete.
- Don't let them tear it down. There will absolutely never be another place like this. Thank you
- Please let Cumbernauld leave the 1970s. Let the town have the potential to create a cleaner, greener space, with true community needs at its heart. It's been held back for too long.
- It is time for a this town centre to be knocked down and redeveloped to suit the needs of a growing town.
- Once parts of the building was knocked away to make room for the Antonine Centre, it was only a matter of time until the rest of it had to go. It makes no sense in context.
- The time to list this was prior to the construction of the two shopping malls adjacent to the building and the knocking down of the subsidised elements. It was refused at that time. It's now a grave to failed architecture in a growing and bustling town that needs a better fit for purpose town centre. This eyesore is a reason people don't shop here, don't want to live here and generally bad for the health of the town. Embed the concrete in the new building, add orders that the materials need to be reused and recycled but let the building come down and open up the opportunities that Cumbernauld misses out on because of the building and its significant limitations.
- The residents consider that the building should be demolished, it is an eyesore, the area should be redeveloped including infrastructure.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1972 and feel embarrassed about the town centre. I have been mocked on occasion by colleagues from other regions of Cumbernauld saying it's like driving through a prison. It has no heart. It's won Pluck on the Plymth twice in a row, the only town ever to do so. Once more and we would have kept the cup!! Pleeeeeease do not list this eyesore!!!
- Listen to locals not councillors. The locals want and deserve better.
- "To whom it may concern,

A rather nostalgic yet misguided person has requested that you "list" Cumbernauld Town Centre as it represents significant historical and cultural importance. I believe the person who has made this request is someone who lived (past tense) in Cumbernauld, however, as someone who lives (present tense) in Cumbernauld, may I add some counterbalancing arguments to this request?

I am 37 and have lived in Cumbernauld since I was a toddler, I too have fond and nostalgic memories of Cumbernauld Town Centre. However, no amount of fuzzy warm sentiment, or the rosiest of rose-tinted spectacles, would stop me from hitting a big red button that caused that building to go "KABOOM" and I shall list my (and I am sure many of the residents of Cumbernauld's) many reasons for this;

Cumbernauld Town Centre may have been the world's/Europe's first indoor shopping centre, and while this was exciting and futuristic at the time, I believe Frederick P Brooks said it best when he said, "plan to throw the first one away". The prototype of indoor "shopping malls" will always be synonymous with Cumbernauld for having the first "blueprint" that came to life. However, much like pancakes, the first one came out burnt and wonky - you can coat it in as much sugar, syrup or navy-blue paint as you like, no one is going to eat it. Similarly, no matter what anyone does now, the majority of people who need to use or look at Cumbernauld Town Centre (i.e., those of us who live here) are always going to hate and resent it.



It may represent architectural, cultural and even historical significance to some misguided people, but that's NOT what it represents to the people of Cumbernauld. To us it represents years of broken promises, spoiled plans and embodies how councils and private sectors, who have owned the centre over the years, have allowed the Town Centre (and the town) to fall to rack and ruin, and the contemptuous view they have of the people of Cumbernauld:

- All leisure facilities at the town centre were gradually closed (cinema, bowling, ice skating) and thanks to the exorbitant rents and rates (and the immovable position of the council planning committee) never replaced (unless you count Bingo as a leisure activity, which as a young person in the late 90's early 00's, I did not, in fact, as a 37 year old, I still do not).
- We were promised, for so many years, a new Town Centre and in the early to mid-90's, work even began on tearing the Town Centre down, but halfway through, the work stopped, and the rubble was covered with green netting and left half demolished for years. Rumours circulated for years on why the demolition stopped, these rumours ranged from companies gone bust, through to the council halting proceedings for pulling the wrong bits down, to (my personal favourite that) it is ""the only building in history whose demolition had to be halted because parts of it were falling down itself"". In the end we were left for YEARS with the eyesore of a half-bulldozed pile of concrete whilst private companies pointed fingers at councils and vice versa.
- Many new towns (East Kilbride for example) recognised the change in demographics and introduced tertiary shopping and leisure facilities in outlying parts of their town (e.g., retail parks) I might also add their town centre has never seemed to suffer as a result. However, any time anyone even suggested it, whomever was in ownership of the town centre (usually in cahoots with one or two of the main supermarkets) would rally with the old war cries of:

""We are planning a facelift"" or

""we're going to make improvements"" or

""We can't afford the competition as we need the money to invest in the town centre""

(where all the monies of the past have gone, no one seems to know)

or the biggest (and most oft) broken promises of all;

""we're going to build a cinema"" AKA the big dangly carrot.

Usually after a lot of feet stamping and lawyers, the town centre would get its way and halt anyone offering even a modicum of hope to the town and then all the promises would disappear faster than a group of neds who've caught sight of a polis car driving in their direction.

This is what the town centre represents to me.

We were so outraged that Airdrie won the ""worst town centre award/plook on a plinth/Kabul of the north"" before us there were protests!!! (OK, a couple of folks put pen to paper and wrote into the local rag, but this was pre-Facebook days so there weren't many places to voice the outrage, other than to each other, and Google wasn't in existence then to see who we could email/share/DM about it back then. But trust me, as a local, we were incensed that Airdrie were awarded it first.

It's no longer fit for purpose and WHILST IT REMAINS IN SITU, WE WILL NEVER GET ANYTHING TO REPLACE IT WHICH WILL MEET THE TOWNS NEEDS: The haphazardly laid



out ""phases"" of the Town Centre are difficult to navigate (even if you are from Cumbernauld):

- As an emergency service worker who covers the area, I can attest to time wasted on the phone trying to decipher land marks to pass onto the attending crew to try and figure out where to park to gain access, as an attending emergency crew (with local knowledge) I have struggled to figure out where best to park to try and access my stricken patients in a timely manner and, when all that has failed me, cursed the designer and current owners for not making it any easier (my colleagues from out of town have struggled harder and their patients have waited longer for help until they could be found).
- The sheer footprint of the building is enormous and fragmented meaning the ever increasing aging population (and people with mobility problems) have long and tedious walks from one part of the town centre to the other (even if you have a car, one cannot simply drive round to the other side after visiting one part of the town centre without a. risking a fine for returning to the town centre within 4 hours or b. running the risk of running out of fuel before finding a 2nd parking space.
- Add to this the fact that at least 50% of the elevators are always broken, out of service or saturated in urine and permanent marker ""menchie"" and the risk of collapse from exhaustion of traipsing the Town Centre increases exponentially (simultaneously, your risk of death increases as an unfamiliar ambulance crew attempts to work out where they should park to reach the ""top of the 'eskie' above Argos"").

It's an absolute EMBARRASSMENT. Not even the biggest fan of ""brutalist architecture"" is going to jump off the X25 at the ""bus station"" and look round and think ""yeah, this looks great"". When asked where you are from, if you answer that you are from Cumbernauld, the second thing that person is going to say to you after the obligatory ""what's it called?"" (which, never gets old might I add) will be something along the lines of ""your town centre is a riot"". If an outsider is going to visit Cumbernauld, it's the town centre they see and they think it represents the rest of the town. When you say you're from Cumbernauld, people look at you like you're a slum dweller!! Whilst some of the house designs in Cumbernauld were ugly and short sighted (flat roofs in Scotland spring to mind) the majority of the town is actually not too ugly with plenty of greenery (1,000,000 trees planted - not bad - if NLC would stop allowing developers to build on every last inch of it to coin in more council tax [apologies, another rant for another day]).

I adore the requester's sentiment that sound investment could make the Town Centre a worthwhile landmark again, however, If this investment was not forthcoming at any point in the last 50 years, even when the place was viable, then I can assure you it WILL NOT appear at any point soon (not even if you got Richard Branson, Bill Gates and Elon Musk really drunk and got them playing a game of ""Hold my beer whilst I waste millions on a vanity project""). Thus, Cumbernauld will be left with this monstrosity and a plaque or certificate as a permanent reminder that we're stuck with it until it eventually falls down itself.

I could continue to wax lyrical about why Cumbernauld Town Centre should not and should NEVER be listed. Whilst architects and outsiders may feel it is worthy of listing for its ""historical significance"" I can assure you, they are vastly outnumbered by the



people of Cumbernauld for whom this building represents; embarrassment, frustration, misery, anger, broken promises and failures.

In short, take photographs of it, video it, create a virtual replica of it for prosperity, even attach it to a billion helium balloons and relocate the monstrosity somewhere else (preferably next door to those who wish it to be listed), but for the sake of the beleaguered and fed up people of Cumbernauld who actually have to live with the bloody thing - DO NOT LIST IT!!!!!!

PS: I think a raffle or auction to be the person who presses the button that starts the demolition of this building could raise millions for charity (and I'm deadly serious - put me down for £50!!)

Please exercise extreme caution, listing this building will not purely ""protect"" the building it will PREVENT much needed regeneration of a town centre to meet the needs of its residents."

- The building is unique. It could be renovated both externally and internally to provide a welcoming business and commercial centre. However this would require vision and finance.
- It should have been pulled down years ago it has outlived its usefulness.
- It's a shocking abomination and an embarrassment to me and I'm many others
- Please, please allow Cumbernauld to have a town centre that meets the needs of the community and that acts as a magnet to draw people to it, rather than an eyesore that encourages them to go anywhere but their own town centre.
- It must be replaced with a better option. To keep it to fulfil the wishes of architectural hippies and folk who don't live here would be a disaster for the people of Cumbernauld, which is a decent town other than it's embarrassing carbuncle of a monolithic concrete centre. It serves no purpose, poor shopping, practically non existent business space and a social desert
- The centre has been neglected for many years now and doesn't work or attract the type of shops a centre needs to survive due to various owners that can't agree on anything
- We need a town centre with good shops, a variety of shops and cafes with outdoor eating areas. Cumbernauld always ends up with poor shops? Pound shops and charity shops. There should be these shops however we need clothes shops, cafes with outdoor areas, free activities for children in a safe environment. A new shopping centre should be a new shopping centre with a range of shops and outdoor spaces.
- It has great potential. There are so many people from the affluent areas that wouldn't even visit the town centre - they drive to Stirling, brae head, silverburn which is such a pity they take their £ elsewhere.
- I have lived in Cumbernauld, for 47 years and seen the Town Centre modified and shops come and go and units repurposed on the many levels , but for me the main structure does not work today ,not enough lifts escalators gone , it's disjointed.
- "It has not received the carbuncle award for no reason.
- ""It is not the town but the town centre which swayed the judges.
- They described it as ""a rabbit warren on stilts"" , and as dismal as last year's winner Airdrie.
- Judges said the concrete centre was ""soulless and inaccessible, something like Eastern Europe before the wall came down""."
- "The Town Centre would pikely also meet the criteria for a Scheduled Monument. Which may be an apt designation.



I don't doubt that the thing will be pulled down. Bravo for trying. But you are way too late."

- I grew up in Cumbernauld in the sixties and later worked within the community doing various jobs.
- "SAVE THE TOWN CENTRE AS A STRUCTURE!
REFIT/REFURB SYMPATHETIC TO ITS ORIGINAL DESIGN AND RETAIN WHAT ICONIC FEATURES ARE LEFT....
IT WAS A WONDERFUL PLACE AND DESERVES ATTENTION AND RETENTION. 🙄"
- I think whoever thinks this horrible building should be listed needs to go get themselves looked at, it needs to go.
- "Please raise the centre to the ground and create a new centre for all residents of Cumbernauld to use and enjoy.
- Maybe consider some entertainment spaces such as a cinema or adding some bars"
- This is not wanted by Cumbernauld and its residents, they have suffered with it long enough. New investment is needed to brighten the town and give it a future as a lot of the firms who opened here have now closed down. Leaving this structure in place will be a backward step and make the Town even more of a laughing stock, knock it down and start again gives the town a chance to re-invent itself.
- It is time Cumbernauld had a town centre fit for purpose that would attract better retailers and visitors in keeping with the other "new towns" for example East Kilbride and Livingston which have come on leaps and bounds whereas Cumbernauld is still stuck in the 70's.
- It needs demolished and completely redesigned.
- The Town Centre is cold, bleak, leaks, no original inner features. Some of the original outer features have already been demolished. The upper floor, where the pent houses were, have been abandoned for years, windows broken/open to the elements, probably home to numerous pigeons. It needs to be demolished to make way for something that is fit for purpose.
- "Cumbernauld has the potential to be a beautiful town. Make it a less visually assaulting place and it will draw in exciting, fresh businesses and visitors.
- When it was built but it seems the architects were high [REDACTED] 🍄
Make these facilities a less oppressive place to frequent. The over and underpasses also need a face lift. I have a teenage niece who attends high school in Cumbernauld and it's a concern these are the streets she has to walk to get to town to see her friends. There are trip hazards everywhere on the walk to the town centre. It's a concrete jungle in a visually beautiful natural landscape. Sort it out Cumbernauld"
- "Please, please, please get rid of it.
It looks dirty and it's an actual embarrassment."
- I would like to add that I hope that you take local people's considerations into account more than folk from outside Cumbernauld. The whole reason that listed building status has been sought on this building is to prevent it from being knocked down as it has been recently purchased with the intent to be knocked down. It's the local people who will have to put up with this building if it remains the same.
- "Get it [REDACTED] and as quickly as possible.
Just knock it down and make a car park or [REDACTED] wasteland. We'd all be happier."



- Please do not proceed with this as we really need our town centre to be revamped to make the area more appealing to all who use it
- The town centre is being shut in area or there's no shops better getting rid of the building and building something else
- I think you should focus on preserving worthy architecture that people love. No one loves this building and it will be seen as a huge mistake and a joke to ordinary people.
- Just knock it down.
- Please don't list this, I others to learn about the history of Cumbernauld but not have to live with this building still standing it truly stands as a warning to others and brutalism is not something that inspires connectedness and community which the world needs more than ever.
- "The two backroads of The town centre just shows you how horrid s place it is. It needs to be torn down"
- "I am all for listing buildings of historic importance however not only is it unclear that this site fits the bill, but listing the building could actually have a devastating economic and social impact on the town.
The town centre is not suitable for a modern town, for a number of reasons, and need to go. Please do not choose the whims of a handful of architects over the needs of an entire town."
- Please please please pull this monstrosity down. And please please please don't let people who don't live in Cumbernauld have any say in what happens.
- It needs demolished and should have been done a long time ago. The centre needs to be modern. The people of Cumbernauld need to have a say.
- "The building has been ignored and not invested in for years is now a drag not a benefit to the Town
It serves no purpose to list it and leave it - it needs a purpose and a reason to be retained
It represents a period in time which should be remembered however what future purpose will the building serve?
If the building deserves to be listed then it requires investment and re purposing -
 - will it become a centre for urban planning ?
 - the museum of Scotlands post war new towns ?
 - home if contemporary Post war Scottish art ?Don't list it unless you can really save it"
- As a resident we deserve a useable and enjoyable town center.
- It needs to come down, it stops people coming as its horrible and empty
- As a resident of Cumbernauld and having been in the building in the past, I am deeply for progress and knocking it down for something new. The building is dank, unclean, poorly decorated and has a leaky ceiling. I refer back to my word choice of "past" as I have not stepped foot into the center in over 6 years, even though being a resident of the same town, I imagine it hasn't changed and if anything gotten worse inside. Especially with the quality of shops. As we do live in a democracy, I pose this, a referendum for the people of Cumbernauld only, to vote whether they would like the building to remain or be knocked down.
- Please demolish or change to give a modern shopping area which the town should have . Otherwise we will shop elsewhere. I go to braehead, Glasgow fort and Livingston



- To list Cumbernauld Town Centre and prevent it from being demolished would be a criminal act.
- Retaining this eyesore is preventing an improved and updated town centre being created - Cumbernauld has grown into a large major town and the town centre is a national joke - Let's take a look at Livingston and all the retail, leisure and dining opportunities provided - there is a lot of disposable income escaping from Cumbernauld to other areas
- It's crazy how there are 2 shopping centre with no that many shops and I'm lost every time I try to find a shop in there. I've just moved to the area but to be fair I think this should be replaced for a modern building with easier access, easy floor maps etc
- A good photographic, video and oral history would suffice to remember Cumbernauld's place in Scottish history.
- I believe that the historic pictures of the town centre represent it in its days of glory however I think that it now presents itself in a shadow of its former glory. Therefore I'm saying it's time for a change and I think there is no greater way to do this than with the town centre
- "I feel we should be looking to the future as the town has become so engulfed in housing at the moment
We need more community outlets, interest for children, environmental education & more pride in the town."
- Please reject this proposal to enable this monstrosity to be removed once and for all. It is unfit for the 21st century.
- "I have known the centre for over 30 years. Having, worked in Cumbernauld in the late 80's and early 90's and now living in the local area.
I have always felt the centre was something where the vision had been greater than the execution and felt like it could have been something special but hadn't quite hit the mark.
Redevelopment provides an opportunity to improve upon the partial success of past attempts to provide a central hub for the town which truly works.
Whilst I would have some sentimental regrets seeing the end of the old centre, these would be overcome by a hope and expectation that the redevelopment would finally deliver on the promise and expectations which the existing fell short of."
- "I am 61 years old and have lived in the Cumbernauld area my entire life.
The only negative thing has always been that monstrous carbuncle of a town.
Time for it to go."
- Cumbernauld deserve better and I hope this survey gets to the correct people in Scotland who view it as the same as most and not some kind of business person not from the area and just views it as a cash cow
- Please demolish this eyesore & finally build something that is attractive & useful.
- I want my children to have a town they can be proud of with plenty of amenities and a thriving town centre. The current building does not and will never provide this. It should be taken down and a new centre built.
- "If a mistake is made you learn from it and don't repeat it, you don't try and keep it so that future generations are stuck with it.
Cumbernauld has suffered long enough with this monstrosity and it should be demolished"



- Cumbernauld needs a new and decent town centre Trying to get this listed could prevent this happening leaving us way behind We already drive to the Fort retail centre for shopping out with groceries
- Don't let architects near the new town centre design.
- This building seriously is long overdue being demolished, it's completely ugly, the guy that 'designed' it must have been tripping, pull it down.
- See earlier comments
- I think it different when making decisions on an area where you do not reside but people in Cumbernauld are not proud of the Town Centre as it is and a change is needed. After all we are a "new" town.
- A booklet could be published and distributed to architects, urban planners, social engineers and politicians entitled; "How not to build a town centre".
- Eyesore. pull it down and build something more practical
- The new build should be as interesting as the first - not a warehouse type building. The reason the town centre failed was not because of the architecture- it was because of management. Rent/ rates too high - no emphasis on community. The cdc did a great job - the council did not. Selling town centre was the nail in the coffin. If the council own the future hub there would need to be safeguards in place.
- "The principle of the town centre being at the top of the hill will still be true if the megastructure is demolished and redeveloped and as such the masterplanning of the town is true to its origins, however, the community will have the opportunity of seeing a new town centre which is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community in the 21st Century.
The megastructures location and sheer size means that its retention through listing will result in the a purpose built ruin as businesses continue to decant from the poor trading environment and relocate to more modern accommodation. We do not need another Elephant and Castle or Tricorn in Scotland."
- The depressing nature of this building teaches us that architects are not to be trusted.
- When this decision is made you need to keep in mind that this is not just a building that architects or people with an interest can admire. It is a building that is used, it has functions to fulfil and peoples needs to meet. It is not doing that
- Having a town centre we can be proud of would be great for Cumbernauld and North Lanarkshire. Preserving the current town centre would be counterproductive to this.
- Please consider the views of local residents and beyond. This isn't a building which serves the town well, it is universally hated and we deserve to have our views heard and respected.
- Cumbernauld has for years been known as an eyesore and ugly town centre. Proposed redevelopment of this site will finally allow this to stop and allow the local community to get what they need from a town centre, if this does not happen the long term impact on the town and its citizens will be negative and I think this goes against the point of listing a building
- i cannot believe anyone thinks this building is of a standard to give it listed building status, and would want to save it when the ground could be developed to a more open, vibrant centre
- Please allow to change the future of Cumbernauld town shopping centre



- I have lived in Cumbernauld since 1971 and the state of the town centre has steadily declined over the years. It should be wiped out and replaced. e.g. Hutchesontown, Red Road, Sighthill etc.
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve better than this hideous monstrosity. Cumbernauld is disregarded and massively underfunded, it doesn't even have a hospital or decent medical facilities. It should at least have a workable, practical and aesthetically pleasing shopping centre.
- The centre is half used, the connections between its part are complicated and confusing (I got lost once walking back to the car park inside the building on the side where B&M is).
- "I worked in the penthouse areas offices in early 90s while old woolco/ what every woman wants/ was being demolished. It us no mean feat and not something anybody would take lightly. Before starting to demolish, they had to lift concrete (garden) slabs tgat had been put down - pikes and pikes of them! The old windows were gone and the were poorly designed cold and draughty (with spectacular views). The concrete on floors was dissolving and after a botched demo job (and suspension of the demo pending a protracted demolition) a crack in the floor worsened.
I suppose I feel that this listing is 35-40 years too late. In this case I feel we DO have to throw the baby out with the bath water! Sorry"
- The people of Cumbernauld deserve so much better. Give them a break.
- It's all been said - it's needing levelled and when HMRC moves out of the area it will be a concrete Ghost Town Centre.
- I used to attend Cumbernauld college as a student in the early 1980's so would go into the town centre to spend my lunch times. It was absolutely depressing then and nothing has changed. I have fond memories of Cumbernauld college and my times there but no such nostalgia concerning the town centre. The roof leaked and it was so dark and depressing inside. I would be delighted to see it knocked down and replaced with something which was in keeping with the town centre on the other side, something light and airy and which makes you feel like you are outside but still under cover. I'm sure that if there was a new building it would attract retailers to occupy it.
- Replacing g the town centre with bog standard retail units would be a failure. I believe we should run an architecture competition, inviting the best of Scottish architecture students and companies to submit plans which the community should then vote for to get what the community both needs and can be proud of.
- Utter joke that this has even happened in first place!
- "I would not move out of Cumbernauld It has had in the past some bad reviews The architects have a tough job ahead They will not please everyone but hopefully it be a new town centre that people living here will be proud of
I live in Seafar many years ago an article was written in the herald about the architects would worked in this area and they said they wanted people to have good housing with good views That's what kind of architects we need for our town centre ones that will be thoughtful to the needs of the people and think they would like to live in Cumbernauld with its new town centre"
- It began with a balanced mix of practical, even cultural shops, even entertainment for all ages. No need to have the expense of running to Glasgow, but the extortionate rates shoved the better shops out. Now it's a plethora of £1 shops, Charity Shops, greeting Card Shops , and Open Stalls.



- With interested, committed owners and local authority support, this could be made into a fantastic facility that the people of Cumbernauld could be proud of.
- It has served as an inspiration and springing point for generations of architecture students in the last 40-50 years, as example of a radical building that was built somewhere ordinary for ordinary people. It served as a rallying cry for each new generation not to be cowed by the way things are and always have been but to think differently, think big and make new things. It could therefore seem paradoxical to seek protection for it now as a historically significant building, but that needn't mean no further change. Listing the building now is a way of collectively expressing the value of the building and providing space and time to consider its future holistically rather than purely in the most economically viable terms.
- "I am all for preservation of old buildings but of historical buildings that had a historical purpose and was used and enjoyed through its lifetime.
This Cumbernauld building was never a building of architectural excellence & has not catered to its residents needs for a long long time and not forgetting it caused residents embarrassment for a couple of centuries now! We deserve to see it replaced pronto.
Thanks"
- There may be a few people that want to keep a record of what was a modern building, the world has moved on and the design has not aged well, combined with a lack of maintenance and care, the building is a disgrace to Cumbernauld and north Lanarkshire, so much better could be achieved if it was knocked down and removed.
- I am not entirely against listing buildings of cultural or historical importance, but first and foremost we must consider the wider implications of retaining this structure. It would seem to me that the benefits of redeveloping the heart of the town for outweigh the small benefits that would be achieved by retaining the structure as it is no longer fit for purpose and I would also argue that it is no longer safe. Its time the centre was redeveloped with a flexible modern space.
- "I would also like to register my concern about the principle of this consultation, which seems almost calculated to invite a tidal wave of populist condemnation concerning a topic (architectural and historic significance) which is intrinsically of a rather specialist, even abstruse character, and concerning which 'public opinion' is subject to drastic and sensational swings of fashion.
If, say, a similar consultation had been issued any time in the 1960s or early 70s about the potential rehab rather than demolition of 19th-century tenements, or listing of Victorian architecture in general, it is certain that the overwhelming 'public response' would have been violently condemnatory - and yet within less than a decade 'public opinion' on this had completely reversed, rendering any previous 'consultation' about their architectural and historic significance almost completely worthless.
Should HES cite any preponderance of negativity in responses to this consultation as some kind of evidence against the architectural and historic significance of the Centre, the SCCS will 'call out' this point as loudly as we can!"
- I would rather see the building remain if the current proposals do not meet the real needs of this town.
- "North Lanarkshire Councils well developed and visionary proposal affords NHSL the opportunity to provide a replacement for the existing health centre which no longer fit for purpose. Planning for this development affords an opportunity to work in partnership to develop and implement an integrated health and social care strategy for



the local population based on need, and in doing so to deliver primary care and community based services from modern, sustainable facilities.

The redevelopment of the town centre will also enable delivery of the proposed National Treatment centre which is a key Scottish Government initiative. This new facility will deliver a much needed expansion of elective capacity to meet the future needs of NHS residents, addressing both the longer term impact of the pandemic and the anticipated growth in demand related to the future demography of our population. Currently the provision of land for development within the Cumbernauld town centre area is extremely limited and redevelopment or replacement of existing facilities is extremely challenging. Development of new facilities within the existing town centre vicinity is difficult in terms of both identifying development space and seeking planning approval.

In summary we are supportive of NLC's ambition to transform Cumbernauld town and the intention to support regeneration and significantly enhance service provision to the local community. From an NHS perspective it affords us an opportunity to enhance healthcare provision through delivery of modern, fit for purpose facilities, and to review and develop integrated models of care with our local authority partners. The demolition of the existing shopping centre is key to this as this will facilitate the development of a town hub"

- It's in extremely poor shape at present, and an unattractive place to use and visit. I am very aware of and sympathetic to local views too, many of which favour demolition - understandable. But there have been now many imaginative reconstructions of Brutalist buildings, and there is global interest in architecture of this kind. I would favour holding an international competition with a view to retaining the Centre and bringing it back to life
- "I remember pushing a pram to the Town Centre just after it opened and I could not believe how cold draughty and ugly it was!
No attempts to improve it have worked.
We need to look to the future and I believe North Lanarkshire Council have a very viable proposal for the future."
- My child slipped on the concrete stairs within this centre and management was disgusting and blamed it on condensation from the brick walls. I could have taken to court however pleaded with them to do something about it...like all the fat cats and all their underdogs...empty promises. Full of poop the lot of yous. The centre who wants people there however fines them for parking, it's all wrong and the only ones who suffer who lose out are the residents
- I still have the original print of the Strathclyde Regional Council leaflet on the opening of Cumbernauld Technical College. 24th January 1980.
[REDACTED]
- "Local people opinions should take precedence over any 3rd party outside architectural posterity.
Those that wish to retain this "folly" carbuncle should retain financial responsibility for its upkeep, maintenance and have to live locally.
Numerous other examples of this offensive modernist ugly architecture throughout the UK and in particular Former Eastern bloc Europe.
Retention of this eyesore would prevent much needed redevelopment and reinvention of Cumbernauld."



- This is the first time there has been the will and means to address the huge issues of our town centre and we are certain that listing would impact or even destroy those plans. We beg the powers that be not to agree a listing. There are a huge number of posts on our Facebook page “Do not list Cumbernauld town centre” from residents who do not agree with listing and these are all based upon their desire to improve our town and its facilities.