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# Top cops back training school to be single force headquarters

**Jun 5 2011** (<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2011/06/05/>) Norman Silvester, [Sunday Mail \(http://www.sundaymail.co.uk/\)](http://www.sundaymail.co.uk/)

SCOTLAND'S police academy is the front runner to be the HQ for a nationwide force.

Politicians and senior officers believe Tulliallan Castle in Fife would be the ideal location.

Moving operations to the 70- acre site would avoid any "advantage" to Glasgow-based Strathclyde or Lothian & Borders in Edinburgh. The site has good road links and could house the new overall chief constable, his deputy, about six assistant chief constables and a support team.

The idea of a single force has been outlined in a government consultation paper. It could save the taxpayer £154million a year.

Last night, a spokesman said: "No decision has been made so it is too early to say where any HQ would be based."

But an insider said: "Tulliallan has the advantage of not being a force HQ. Senior officers have been canvassed and it has emerged as a front runner."

Chief Supt David O'Connor, of the Association of Police Superintendents Scotland, said: "Tulliallan would be popular, as it is considered the home of Scottish policing."

But Les Gray, of the Scottish Police Federation, said: "It would not matter where the HQ was, as we are not in favour of a single force"

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