

Appendix 1: Aberfeldy Conservation Area Appraisal - summary of responses

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28 Aug 08	A resident in Rannoch Road	Tennis Courts and Bowling Green Clubhouse should be included. The Auld Kirk, Chapel Street is an important feature - there are plans to renovate this building. Agrees with tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified.	The Victoria Park pavilion for the bowling green and tennis courts is protected with listed building status, therefore there would be no additional benefit having Conservation Area status as well. Comments about the Auld Kirk are noted.
28/ Aug 08	C. McVey	Would like old school at Breadalbane included - thinks it is a shame to pull it down. Agrees with tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified.	Planning and listed building consent for demolition of the old school was granted last year in order to provide a workable layout and design for the new academy and playing fields. Therefore including the school in the Conservation Area would be of no benefit.
28 Aug 08	W. Leszke	Suggests boundary should include riverside on north side and Athol House. Agrees with important features, tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement. Considers designation must be supported by Council's proper maintenance & services such as fencing, toilets, grass cutting etc.	The area to the north covered by Victoria Park is owned by the Council and is in an area of flood risk. It is not considered to be an area under any threat of development. The appraisal did not include this open space area as it was considered that even if it were under threat from development it would be protected from policies on retention of open space and consideration of impact on the setting of the Conservation Area or on key buildings of architectural/historic merit within the park. The buildings between Athol House and the proposed boundary are more recent town development and it is considered that the boundary cannot be extended this far in order to include one particular building. Comments regarding Council services and maintenance are noted.
28 Aug 08	Ms J. Taylor	Suggests boundary should include Victoria Park. Agrees with important features. Suggests signage, shopfronts, the Co-op and the Birks is areas for improvement. Financial support needs to be provided for businesses to make improvements.	Victoria Park is owned by the Council and is in an area of flood risk. It is not considered to be an area under any threat of development. The appraisal did not include this open space area as it was considered that even if it were under threat from development it would be protected from policies on retention of open space and consideration of impact on the setting of the Conservation Area or on key buildings of architectural/historic merit within the park. Shopfront facade and signage improvement schemes in the town centre are suggested as enhancement opportunities in the appraisal.
2 Sept 08	J.M. McDiarmid	Suggests boundary should include riverbank from Dunolly to Wade Bridge including trees and Black Watch Monument, the golf club, Victoria Park and Bowling/Tennis Pavilion. Agrees with negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified.	The area to the north covered by Victoria Park is owned by the Council and is in an area of flood risk. It is not considered to be an area under any threat of development. The appraisal did not include this open space area as it was considered that even if it were under threat from development it would be protected from policies on retention of open space and consideration of impact on the setting of the Conservation Area or on key buildings of architectural/historic merit within the park. General Wade's Bridge, the Black Watch Monument and the Victoria Park pavilion are all protected with listed building status.
2 Sept 08	S. Pirie	Astonished that the listed 'old school' is not included and is to be demolished. Agrees with important features, tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified.	Planning and listed building consent for demolition of the old school was granted last year in order to provide a workable layout and design for the new academy and playing fields.

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3 Sept 08	A.M.C. & D. Bolt	Welcome the belated publication of the appraisal, and encourage the Council to speedily complete the designation. Stress the importance of considering social, political and historical context to development, human scale and the conservation of human-scale urban community. Raise importance of streetscape and current problems with it, eg. signage, road markings etc. Encourage important tree groups within Aberfeldy to be placed in wider landscape/parkland context. Suggest facade facing Moness Burn and former gas works chimney as opportunities for enhancement and 'building of merit' respectively. Suggest missing boundary ironwork, the old school, the sound environment (church bells etc), clock faces, public toilets, use of colour and the role of the Council as areas which could be further addressed in the appraisal.	Comments regarding the importance of human scale are noted. Agree that the streetscape and spaces are just as important as the buildings themselves:- enhancement opportunities for shopfronts, street facades, signage and identified negative spaces are identified in the appraisal. Important trees or tree groups under threat within the setting of the Conservation Area will be considered for Tree Preservation Order status. Agree that the gasworks chimney tower is a special feature of interest and this will be identified in the appraisal as a building of merit. Agree that missing boundary ironwork should be mentioned in the appraisal and possible grant aid opportunities will be examined. Comments relating to distinct features, details and colours of the townscape are noted and further comprehensive surveys of specific issues or features will be carried out. Comments regarding the role and responsibilities of the Council are noted.
4 Sept 08	Mr R.D. Finlay	Welcomes the principle of CA designation. Suggests boundary is extended to Strathtay to include those villages and the area between them and Aberfeldy, in recognition of its architectural value. Suggests alternatively that remainder of Aberfeldy could be designated with less stringent controls to avoid a 2-tier system within and outwith the CA.	Grandtully village as well as Strathtay has recently been designated as a Conservation Area. A rural area between Aberfeldy and Strathtay could not be considered for Conservation Area status as this would be a large area, including countryside, which would be unmanageable and it is not considered necessary. Key buildings indicated by the respondent, such as Grandtully Castle and St Mary's Church, are protected with listed building status. The Conservation Area for Aberfeldy covers the traditional townscape and built heritage of the town. A Conservation Area should be reasonably compact and clearly defined. It would not be appropriate to designate the whole of the town as a Conservation Area. However, the immediate setting of the Conservation Area is important and recognised as such through development plan policy.
5 Sept 08	D. & M. Rhind	Generally agree with proposed boundary and principle of conservation. Agree with important features and tree groups, but also suggest that the old school should be conserved, the old cinema detracts from the area, the trees and planting at the putting green should be improved, and that the river bank background trees should be nurtured. Agree with Mr & Mrs Bolt's suggestions for enhancement (above). Request that ugly rhones/downpipes should be painted to blend with and enhance the stone buildings.	Planning and listed building consent for demolition of the old school was granted last year in order to provide a workable layout and design for the new academy and playing fields. The old cinema and its environs are indicated as an area for potential enhancement in the appraisal. Comments regarding the landscaping and trees at the putting green and the need for good management of trees along the riverbank are noted. Traditional colours for rainwater goods are important and should be sympathetic to the original character of the buildings.
15 Sept 08	K. Alstaff	Suggests that the whole of Victoria Park is included in the Conservation Area. Other buildings in need of enhancement not mentioned in the appraisal: Haggart's and the former chip shop opposite - these two buildings are the first impressions of Aberfeldy for all coach tour visitors. Largely agrees with Mr Bolt's comments and suggestions (see above).	Victoria Park is owned by the Council and is in an area of flood risk. It is not considered to be an area under any threat of development. The appraisal did not include this open space area as it was considered that even if it were under threat from development it would be protected from policies on retention of open space and consideration of impact on the setting of the Conservation Area or on key buildings of architectural/historic merit within the park. Agree with respondent's comments about the two buildings in Dunkeld Street and these will be mentioned in the enhancement opportunities section of the appraisal.

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15 Sept 08	Historic Scotland	Consideration should be given to expanding the character areas section to allow a more detailed exploration of the key characteristics of the two areas identified. Consideration should also be given to whether a larger number of buildings warrant identification as buildings of townscape merit.	The Conservation Area divides broadly into two areas of character but there are no distinct boundary divisions between these areas and they generally overlap or merge. It is therefore considered that the Conservation Area should not be sub-divided into distinct zones because defining the boundaries of such zones would be difficult and may cause confusion. There are a large number of unlisted buildings within the Conservation Area which have varying degrees of architectural/historic merit. It was decided in the appraisal townscape survey to identify and denote the buildings with a particularly high degree of merit, otherwise the vast majority of buildings could be identified on the townscape survey plan and any emphasis on special or key buildings of interest would be lost.
15 Sept 08	AHSS	Pleased that Aberfeldy is being proposed for Conservation Area status. Agree with the areas of note and also the negative factors identified in the appraisal. More areas to the north should be included in the conservation area: from Dunolly in the west, the river bank, Wade's Bridge, Sir Robert's Island, the Black Watch Monument, Golf Club House, Victoria Park, the Tennis Club Pavilion and the Bowling Club all have an important local history.	The area to the north covered by Victoria Park is owned by the Council and is in an area of flood risk. It is not considered to be an area under any threat of development. The appraisal did not include this open space area as it was considered that even if it were under threat from development it would be protected from policies on retention of open space and consideration of impact on the setting of the Conservation Area or on key buildings of architectural/historic merit within the park. General Wade's Bridge, the Black Watch Monument and the Victoria Park pavilion are all protected with listed building status.
16 Sept 08	M. Hill	Suggests that the Conservation Area boundary should be placed on the eastern side of the Moness Burn valley all the way to the road bridge and back down the road to re-join the proposed boundary. There is a very fine Copper Beech in the garden of Mossford, Alma Avenue which is near the SW corner of the Conservation Area: the Conservation Area could be amended to include it.	The boundary will be re-aligned along existing fence-lines on the eastern side of the valley. It would indeed make more sense to include this strip of the valley so that the boundary is adjacent to an area of undeveloped land within the setting of the Conservation Area. The Copper Beech tree is located in an area of more recent housing development and it would be difficult to include just a section of garden from this particular area within the boundary, as this area has no architectural/historic merit. Key trees of high amenity value and under threat within the setting of the Conservation Area will be considered for Tree Preservation Order status.
9 Oct 08	A. Little & C. Milton	Keen to see the Birks Cinema renovated as it is such a striking building in the centre of town. Disappointed in the decision to repaint the barge boards and cast iron downpipes bright blue at the development site next to the (Wade's) bridge. It would be useful if there was advice on sympathetic colours to be used on house exteriors.	The old cinema and its environs are indicated as an area for potential enhancement in the appraisal. Traditional colours for rainwater goods are important and should be sympathetic to the original character of the buildings. Design advice covering conservation areas in general will be provided for owners and occupiers of residential and commercial property with regard to building alterations including exterior finishes.