

Appendix 1: Blair Atholl Conservation Area Appraisal - summary of responses

date received	name/organisation	summary of comments	response
21 Sept 2007	Ms S. Troughton	Makes no comment on boundary, features or trees. Suggests right-hand verge as you enter village from S needs attention. Is concerned that Historic Scotland has not been consulted and that report shows a lack of understanding of historic landscaping.	Enhancement suggestion noted: although outwith the proposed area future works will be required to take into account the setting of the CA. Historic Scotland were consulted as normal on the draft CA appraisal - comments below. The appraisal has been carefully researched taking into account as much historic evidence as was available. However proposals affecting historic landscape elements are purely indicative. As more detailed proposals are developed they will be subject to further consultation to ensure they accord with the requirement to preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area.
24 Sept 2007	Mr D. Wilde	Agrees with proposed CA boundary, features and trees identified. Raises areas needing attention: chip shop; all-weather court; new housing near station; railway bridge. Concerned that similar enhancement proposals have been raised many times before but have never been achieved.	Enhancement suggestions noted and will be subject to further consultation when more detailed proposals are developed. Enhancement projects will be progressed in partnership with local interests.
24 Sept 2007	Mr I. Hart	Proposes inclusion of Tilt Hotel as a means of improving its appearance. Agrees with tree groups and negative areas identified - priority should be given to 2, 3, 4 and 5.	Tilt Hotel and surrounding area has been considered but is not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. Enhancement suggestions will be subject to further consultation when more detailed proposals are developed.
25 Sept 2007	M. Herdman	Proposes extension of boundary to NE to include the mill lade from its exit from the Tilt. Agrees with features identified. Suggests inclusion of copper beech at museum/ranger hut and village hall for enhancement.	Proposed extension has been considered and the boundary amended accordingly. The copper beech is already included within proposed CA boundary. Enhancement suggestions have been noted and will be subject to further consultation when more detailed proposals are developed. Proposals will be progressed in partnership with local interests.
03 Oct 2007	Historic Scotland	Welcomes establishment of the CA. Suggests more detailed information is provided on choice of boundary, eg. why Garryside has been excluded. Suggests inclusion of railway shed. Welcomes illustrative example section but thinks this should be expanded. Urges caution in executing enhancements to ensure historic character is preserved.	Suggestions noted and text amended to more clearly explain selections. It is the intention to expand the examples section in the next phase of the appraisal/management process, in conjunction with authority-wide design guidance. The proposed extension has been considered but is not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. The appraisal has been carefully researched taking into account as much historic evidence as was available. However proposals affecting historic landscape elements are purely indicative. As more detailed proposals are developed they will be subject to further consultation to ensure they accord with the requirement to preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area.

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11 Oct 2007	Mr J. Cameron, Atholl Country Life Museum	Considers the proposals and studies very sound and hopes the village will be consulted again before implementation. Expresses view that Blair Atholl is quite different from other places in Highland Perthshire and hopes proposals will recognise and enhance this uniqueness. Makes a number of detailed enhancement suggestions. Raises a number of important trees.	Enhancement suggestions noted and will be subject to further consultation when more detailed proposals are developed. The trees mentioned are within the proposed boundary and will therefore receive protection under the conservation area designation.