

Appendix 1: Crieff Conservation Area Appraisal - summary of responses

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18 Nov 08	Mr Johnston	Generally agrees with the proposed boundary and the principle of a conservation area.	Noted.
28 Nov 08	V. Marshall	Generally agrees with the proposed boundary and the principle of a conservation area.	Noted.
28 Nov 08	D. & A. Baker	Agree with the conservation area boundary and compliment the appraisal. There are many good specimen trees in back gardens (away from public view) which are just as important to Crieff's heritage as amenity trees. The creeping deterioration of shop-front signage should be addressed as a matter of urgency: they are a blight and eyesore on Crieff.	Proposals to fell, top or lop any trees within the conservation area will be subject to planning controls, including those in back gardens. Comments regarding shop signage noted: a façade improvement scheme will be promoted.
28 Nov 08	D. Galbraith	Suggests there is no point in having a conservation area as the town is already compromised with ugly new developments. Historic Scotland has enough power to protect the architecturally important buildings. This proposal would result in unnecessary bureaucracy. The Council has allowed two supermarkets to be built in Crieff, one on the historic Market Park site which is not included in the conservation area. Local shopkeepers should be given more practical help rather than meddling in what shop frontages look like.	The townscape of Crieff has distinctive historic qualities. There are some recent developments of poor visual quality but the overall townscape character is strong. Historic Scotland's powers relate to listed buildings. There are many unlisted buildings in Crieff which have architectural or historic character. The Market Park is considered to be within the setting of the conservation area rather than part of the townscape of the conservation area. The boundary walls, gatepiers and iron gates are protected with listed building status. It is intended that a shopfront enhancement scheme will give practical as well as financial assistance to shopkeepers/property owners.
25 Nov 08	V. Smith	Generally agrees with the proposed boundary and the principle of a conservation area. Eppie Callum's Oak tree is not covered by the plan.	Eppie Callum's Oak is protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
27 Nov 08	Mrs Baker	Suggests boundary should be extended to include south of Burrell Street/King Street as far as the bridge including Earnbank Road, Ford Road, Chapel road and North Bridge Street. Also, continue the boundary along Dollerie Terrace as far as junction with Hollybush Drive, including the cottage on the north side to east of the junction. Trees on the Crieff Golf Course should be protected. There is a vacant cottage in North Bridge Street which requires attention. Also in need of attention is the ex-nursing home and its grounds opposite the gates to Macrosty Park. The old map dated '1854' in the appraisal is of a later date, probably the mid 1880's.	These areas were looked at during the townscape survey. Most of the buildings in these areas are either relatively recent or have been substantially altered. It was considered that the traditional character of these areas had been lost to a substantial degree. Any trees within the setting of the conservation area and considered to be under threat will be considered for Tree Preservation Order status. Areas or buildings in need of attention are noted. Map date will be amended.
21 Nov 08	Mr J Gauld	The conservation area should include the Market Park. It is historically important and significant.	The Market Park is considered to be within the setting of the conservation area rather than part of the townscape of the conservation area. The boundary walls, gatepiers and iron gates are protected with listed building status.

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27 Nov 08	Mrs J. Small	Generally agrees with the proposed boundary and the principle of a conservation area. There are two important trees in the rear garden of 25 Victoria Terrace which are not indicated on the appraisal map. Dating of 1854 map in doubt.	The trees will be added to the appraisal green areas map. Map date will be amended.
02 Dec 08	Local Development Plans Section, Planning Service, PKC	The designation of a conservation area in Crieff and the thrust of the appraisal is in conformity with the Strathearn Area Local Plan 2001, particularly Proposals 16 & 17 and Policy 71.	Noted.
03 Dec 08	J. Ann & S. Miller	It seems illogical to include the boundary wall of the Market Park on King Street but not the historic area it encloses. Important tree groups not covered by the plan: Macrosty Park, Lady Mary's Walk. Agrees with the principle of a conservation area and hopes that many of the High Street frontages can be restored.	The Market Park is considered to be within the setting of the conservation area rather than part of the townscape of the conservation area. The boundary walls, gatepiers and iron gates are protected with listed building status. Tree groups indicated are within identified green space areas in the Local Plan and these trees are managed and maintained by the Council.
04 Dec 08	D. Griesbach	<p>Generally agrees with the proposed boundary and fully agrees with the principle of a conservation area. Pleased that the conservation boundary includes undeveloped area north of Ancaster Road. Recognises that conservation area designation does not necessarily preclude future development, but any development must be of a high quality so that it positively enhances the conservation area. The new build house beside St Andrew's Halls is a prime example of something which does not in any way enhance the surrounding area.</p> <p>Not certain from reading the plan whether the woodland on the Knock and the beech avenue of Lady Mary's Walk are protected tree groups. Understands that part of the Knock is owned by the Crieff Hydro and is a commercial woodland which could be felled over time. Would like to see PKC and SNH take a more active role in ensuring that this woodland is felled in such a way that habitats for red squirrels are protected.</p> <p>The appraisal does an excellent job in identifying the negative areas and opportunities for enhancement. There are many empty and derelict buildings in the town centre. Poor quality shop fronts and plastic signage gives a poor impression of the town to residents and visitors alike, which adversely affects people's desire to live here. Dis-used buildings such as the Crown Hotel, the former St Michael's Hall and the Drummond Hotel should be brought back into some positive use for the community.</p> <p>PKC need greater powers to enforce the maintenance of property which is falling into dis-repair. These powers should be similar to those which Edinburgh City Council has for tenements in multiple ownership. Repairs need to be carried out using traditional materials and techniques.</p> <p>PKC should write to each property owner within the conservation area and local building contractors informing them of the status of the conservation area and that they may now be required to get planning permission for building alterations which were previously not subject to planning permission. This need to inform is also important in relation to the felling and lopping of trees: there is currently a</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Any trees or tree groups (which are not commercial woodland) within the setting of the conservation area and considered to be under threat will be considered for Tree Preservation Order status. Trees at Lady Mary's Walk are within an identified green space area in the Local Plan and these trees are managed and maintained by the Council. Comments regarding the protection of red squirrels noted and will be passed on to the Countryside Section of the PKC Environment Service and SNH.</p> <p>Noted. Crown Hotel and its environs and St Michael's Hall indicated as high priority for improvements and possible enhancement schemes. The condition of the Drummond Hotel will be monitored.</p> <p>Certain powers exist under the Building, Housing, Planning and Listed Building Acts. However, these powers are limited. Powers available in Edinburgh for tenements come under a local city Act. The logistics of formulating a similar act for certain towns in Perth & Kinross will be assessed.</p> <p>Agree that property owners and other interested parties should be made fully aware. As well as public notices in local newspapers and information on PKC's website it is planned to produce a leaflet explaining what the conservation area means for property owners/residents. The possibility of some form of mail drop will be discussed. If this is not possible then the</p>

		great deal of poor quality tree work happening in Crieff.	leaflet will be advertised and made widely available in the town.
04 Dec 08	AHSS	Agree with the principle of a conservation area for Crieff and compliment the appraisal. Would prefer the parks to be included.	The Market Park is considered to be within the setting of the conservation area rather than part of the townscape of the conservation area. The boundary walls, gatepiers and iron gates are protected with listed building status. Macrosty Park is identified as green space in the Local Plan and is maintained by the Council.
08 Dec 08	A. McClymont	The conservation area should include the Market Park. It is historically important and significant to the 'typical Highland village' setting of the conservation area. The Market Park would require enhancement. Possibly the area to the south of the conservation area boundary should also be included in the conservation area, ie. Bridgend and the bridge over the River Earn.	The Market Park is considered to be within the setting of the conservation area rather than part of the townscape of the conservation area. The boundary walls, gatepiers and iron gates are protected with listed building status. Macrosty Park is identified as green space in the Local Plan and is maintained by the Council. The area to the south was looked at during the townscape survey. Most of the buildings in these areas are either relatively recent or have been substantially altered. It was considered that the traditional character of these areas had been lost to a substantial degree.
09 Dec 08	D. Simpson	Consideration should be given to extending the conservation area to include North Bridge Street down to the bridge and perhaps include the Ford Road/Earnbank Road area.	These areas to the south were looked at during the townscape survey. Most of the buildings in these areas are either relatively recent or have been substantially altered. It was considered that the traditional character of these areas had been lost to a substantial degree.
09 Dec 08	Historic Scotland	Suggest further consideration be given to the boundary in the following areas: Dollerie Terrace; the section of Sauchie Road just to the south of Mill Road, and Market Park. Recommend that the appraisal should include a more detailed commentary explaining why the boundaries have been drawn as they have. The inclusion of illustrative examples of materials, designs and details which are characteristic within the area is welcomed. The value of this would be enhanced if the images were accompanied by a written commentary. This could explain which features the photos aim to highlight, explaining their value to the conservation area. The following buildings/areas could usefully be added to the appraisal as negative factors and/or enhancement opportunities: the grocer's shop adjacent to the Tower Hotel, and the Somerfield supermarket and its immediate setting.	A section of Dollerie Terrace is included within the boundary. The area further east was looked at during the townscape survey. Most of the buildings in this area are either relatively recent or have been substantially altered. It was considered that the traditional character of this area had been lost to a substantial degree. The section of Sauchie Road to the south of Mill Road, on first assessment, was considered but excluded because part of the street is more recent development. This will be assessed again when the appraisal undergoes a review process. The Market Park is considered to be within the setting of the conservation area rather than part of the townscape of the conservation area. The boundary walls, gatepiers and iron gates are protected with listed building status. The conservation area boundary has been drawn around the edges of the defined character areas. More detailed commentary of the boundary will be considered. The illustrative examples are shown as a flavour of the distinct qualities of each character area. This section of the appraisal is aimed at being illustrative rather than too prescriptive. The area of dis-used land which includes the grocer's shop and the Somerfield supermarket are indicated on Map 6 as negative areas ('areas in need of attention'). They are not indicated on the 'enhancement opportunities' map: Map 10. Map 10 and the enhancement opportunities section suggests potential enhancement opportunities for what are regarded as key areas for concentration as an initial phase.