

<b>Appendix 1: Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal - summary of responses</b>			
<b>Written comments received following exhibition:</b>			
<b>date received</b>	<b>name/organisation</b>	<b>summary of comments</b>	<b>response</b>
1 Sept 2009	anonymous	Map with suggestions for additional areas to be included in boundary: Muirs and start of Springfield Road; North Station Road and Queens Crescent; Old Manse and Hayfield Land; Kirkgate Park including Watchtower and crannog	Suggestions considered but areas not considered to meet criteria of sufficient architectural and historic interest. Need to be careful not to dilute the quality of the overall designation. Areas can be re-considered in future re-appraisal cycles.
1 Sept 2009	Ms R. Smith	Agrees with the proposed boundary, important features, tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified. Comments re. schools, traffic, safety; criticism of focus groups; Kinross better when it had its own council.	Welcome CAA comments. Other comments passed on to Community Engagement team.
1 Sept 2009	Ms M. Young	Agrees with the boundary and tree groups identified. Stresses importance of the scheduled Clock Tower. Suggests de-listing and demolition of old Post Office to allow for creation of a public square to enhance High Street and Tower, etc. Suggests further detail is included regarding negative features and the need for a central public convenience.	Importance of Tower recognised in appraisal text. Demolition would have to be considered through statutory processes. Further detail of negative features etc. will be considered at detailed design stage for enhancement proposals, which will be consulted on further with the community.
4 Sept 2009	Prof. D. Munro	Agrees with the proposed boundary, important features, tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified. Suggests addition of former public toilet at bowling green to negative factors. Suggests street signs need to be upgraded and street lighting should be more appropriate. Notes that inappropriate replacement doors, windows etc continue to be made. Maintenance is required of the Burns-Begg Monument and Bruce Mausoleum in the Kirkgate Cemetery. Enhancement of the town centre is a prerequisite to economic development. Suggests a display board on the conservation area would enhance public awareness.	Further detail of negative features, signage etc. will be considered at detailed design stage for enhancement proposals, which will be consulted on further with the community. Enforcement problems noted and should be addressed through Enforcement Charter. Graveyard maintenance issues reported to relevant Council department.
9 Sept 2009	anonymous	Agrees with the proposed boundary, important features, tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified. Stresses Council's role in protection of Kinross - neglect of Council buildings has undermined proper conservation. Serious imbalance between resources provided to Kinross compared with Perth. Council should consider the conservation implications of decisions to vacate important buildings in Kinross.	Comments noted. Conservation/heritage issues will form part of the overall consideration of the future for vacant buildings.
16 Sept 2009	Ms N. Ethitt	Agrees with the proposed boundary, important features, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified.	Welcome CAA comments.
15 Sept 2009	Mr A. Stewart	Agrees with the proposed boundary, important features, tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified. Suggests demolition of public house opp. Town Hall to form a focal point/gateway/open space; open up entrance to car park by extending Old Causeway onto High Street; form new access route to pier from the south; pedestrianise high priority public realm areas and re-route heavy traffic a.s.a.p.; create southbound entry/northbound exit M90 Milnathort to ease Kinross traffic flows. Disappointed at lack of firm timescale for achievement of enhancements, need for 'quick wins' to encourage further action.	Demolition would have to be considered through statutory processes. Further detail of negative features etc. will be considered at detailed design stage for enhancement proposals, which will be consulted on further with the community. Concerns re. timescale noted - will require partnership working approach.
17 Sept 2009	Historic Scotland	Welcomes the appraisal and conservation strategy. Particularly welcomes the undertaking to encourage and assist in identifying solutions for buildings at risk.	Welcome CAA comments.
17 Sept 2009	anonymous	Agrees with the proposed boundary, important features, tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified. Welcomes timely appraisal as implications for existing council buildings of relocation to community campus needs careful consideration. Town Hall, library, tower and Swansacre building need urgent attention. Need for greater investment in Kinross by the Council.	Comments noted. Conservation/heritage issues will form part of the overall consideration of the future for vacant buildings.

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17 Sept 2009	<b>Kinross-shire Civic Trust</b>	Welcomes the re-appraisal and the proposed revisions to the boundary. Document comprehensively identifies the important historic buildings. Council should take positive steps to encourage development of buildings at risk. The Council must make a firm commitment to carrying out High Street enhancements.	Welcome CAA comments. Concerns noted.
22 Sept 2009	<b>Dr R. Walker</b>	Agrees with the proposed boundary, tree groups, negative areas and opportunities for enhancement identified. Linear form of the High St/Muir's important in creating character. Suggests additional areas should be included in boundary: southern approach to town centre; the Muir's as far as the White House; part of Gallowhill Road; part of Station Road as far as Douglas Crescent/Queens Crescent.	Suggestions considered but areas not considered to meet criteria of sufficient architectural and historic interest. Need to be careful not to dilute the quality of the overall designation. Areas can be re-considered in future re-appraisal cycles.
<b>verbal comments received at world café, 10 September</b>			
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10 Sept 2009	<b>anonymous</b>	Suggestion regarding dismantling of the Old Post Office and parish church tower should be restored.	All comments and suggestions noted. Conservation/heritage issues will form part of the overall consideration of the future for vacant buildings. Further detail of negative features etc. will be considered at detailed design stage for enhancement proposals, which will be consulted on further with the community.
		Centre of Kinross is dilapidated – many of the closed buildings belong to Perth & Kinross Council (PKC) and are not privately owned.	
		Residents looking for non commercial development of the empty buildings.	
		A contribution from the community to preserve historic buildings was suggested.	
		Within the conservation area: a focal point is necessary; retaining buildings for the sake if it is of no value.	
		Once the relief road is opened, what can be done to enhance Kinross?	
		A new town square was suggested.	
		Buildings opposite the town hall are an eyesore and could be demolished to open up the area and possibly create a new square.	
		Community needs to make small improvements to the town centre to kick start the process of regeneration.	
		Whole heart of the town is being ripped out – certain buildings have to be kept but for what use – that is the problem.	
		The town centre should be the focal point of the town – not the community campus.	
		No public toilets, little parking, empty buildings – this is not attractive and gives a rundown appearance.	
		Could PKC hold design forums so that people can see what improvements are possible?	
		Council building is very attractive inside and would be suited for use as a museum or photo gallery.	

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		A community buyout was proposed for the council building, eg Cultybraggan Camp at Comrie, and could attract funding.	
		Immediately opposite the town hall could be opened up to form a piazza with arts and crafts shops, local produce etc. Post office sorting office is a second possible location for the new piazza.	
		Nowhere of knowing where the good places in Kinross are. Should be co-ordination of signage – a collective approach. Ownership signage – who can push it forward? Need to be a visual path/picture.	
		Pave the centre of the town – make it no cars.	
		Would like a town centre with benches, planters and toilets.	
		Historic Scotland – what are they doing?	
		Link between the Loch and the town – information boards – signage.	
		What ideas are there for Town Hall? If converted to housing parking will be an issue. Is the fascia of building to be left?	
		Nothing has been said about County Buildings.	
		Concern that clock tower is up for sale and it is an ancient monument. Last worked on 1993. Attached to Town Hall. Old Post Office section should be dismantled properly – could be Tourist Office.	
		Concerns are not just about the town hall. The High School could be boarded for 2 years and the County Buildings vacated. These are three main landmarks. If also include Swansacre and the derelict pub, this is a real concern. Community needs big picture.	
		Start with link road. Town Hall should be part of development of town centre. If maintained can wait until road in place before developing.	
		Community would buy in if there was proper plan and maintenance was undertaken. Need movement on both sides.	
		Horrified at state of public buildings. Town used to have a heart. Can only get worse. Kinross looks like a desert.	
		Facilities mostly out of the town so why don't we keep museum and library there. Opening up the loch but nothing in the centre – don't even have public toilet.	
		Concerned re conservation area and no ability to police this or planning control. Appears to be no format/structure. No enforcement in conservation area. Not seeing/hearing solution. How do we avoid creeping violations?	
		Concerns that everything moving to Community Campus. School will be boarded and what will happen to the council buildings and Swansacre.	
		Tower has no commercial value but value in community. Time when Council has to step in. Don't feel that this is happening.	
		Community need to be led by the Council. What is the master plan?	
		Kinross does not serve population. Open, spacious – like Loch Leven Larder. Place where people spend time and money. Need collective that shares vision.	
		Claustrophobic good – don't agree with space. Need to preserve old town.	

Total written responses:	11	
Generally support/positive comments:	11	
Generally oppose/negative comments:	0	
Suggestions for boundary extensions:		
	Muir/Springfield Road: 2	
	Station Road/Queens Crescent: 2	
	Old Manse and Hayfield Land: 1	
	Kirkgate Park including Watchtower etc: 1	
	southern approach to town centre: 1	
	Gallowhill Road: 1	
Consultation feedback:		average scores (5= very good to 1 = very poor)
Advanced notice/advertising of event and venue		4
Quality and accessibility of web-based information		4
Suitability and accessibility of exhibition venue		2 (specific comments regarding difficulty of access owing to ongoing construction works at Church C
Quality of the exhibition display and content		4
Professional advice and help from Council staff		4
Convenience and timescale given to provide your comments		4