

Appendix 1: Blairgowrie Conservation Area Appraisal - summary of responses

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20 June 2007	Mr A. Driver, PKHT	Welcomes report. Queries potential future for Hill Church and suggests funding should be allocated to it. Considers Quinn's of relatively low merit. Notes survival of letterpress in printers. Suggests poor Tesco signage should be highlighted in report. Old Tescos now reoccupied.	Enhancement suggestions and corrections noted.
21 June 2007	Ms K. Barrett	Agrees with CA boundary, important features, negative areas and enhancements identified. Welcomes attempts to conserve the town but would prefer expanded boundary. Suggests tree groups in Lochy Park and trees and seating should be encouraged generally. Dislikes Wellmeadow flower beds, hanging baskets and would like old sandstone fountain to be reinstated.	Boundary amendments noted and agreed in part. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest. However some suggested areas are not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. Tree groups outwith the conservation area will be considered for Tree Preservation Orders. Enhancement suggestions noted.
25 June 2007	Mr M. Fleming	Suggests area around Newton St, David St and Keay St should be included for its important Arts & Crafts buildings, and Burnhead Road.	Boundary amendments noted and agreed in part. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest. However some suggested areas are not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion.
27 June 2007	Cllr Bob Ellis	Generally agrees with CA boundary, important features, tree groups, negative areas and enhancements proposed. Makes several factual/typographical corrections. Raises importance of traffic management & one-way system - largely supported at previous public consultation. Role of Blairgowrie as a gateway should be enhanced. Wooded banks of the Erich and mills should be included and enhanced, including sorting out parking and providing lighting to Bridge. Queries potential future for Hill Church and whether anything can be done about Tesco signage. Suggests potential uses/solutions for development sites. Suggests areas around Newton Street should be included.	Suggestions and corrections noted. Boundary amendments noted and agreed in part. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest. However some suggested areas are not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. The extensive areas of the Erich banks suggested are not considered appropriate for inclusion at the present time as they are too separate from the town centre of Blairgowrie & Rattray. However the industrial heritage and character of the mills/lades/riverside area will be considered for protection by a separate designation.

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27 June 2007	Ms M. Laing	Considers one-way system and Tesco signage detrimental to town and asks if anything can be done about them.	Concerns noted. Improvements to signage and streetscape are suggested in the appraisal and are likely to be achieved gradually, dependent on funding.
03 July 2007	Mr A. Proctor	Congratulates the Council on the production of the appraisal. Generally agrees with the findings of the appraisal. Raises importance of the lade and wooded riverside areas, the Haugh and woodland N of Davie Park.	The industrial heritage and character of the mills/lades/riverside area will be considered for protection by a separate designation. Tree groups outwith the conservation area will be considered for Tree Preservation Orders.
03 July 2007	Cllr Caroline Shiers	Generally agrees with findings of the appraisal. Suggests areas around Newton Street, Mitchell Square and riverside/mills to be included.	Boundary amendments noted and agreed in part. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest. However some suggested areas are not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. The extensive areas of the Erich banks suggested are not considered appropriate for inclusion at the present time as they are too separate from the town centre of Blairgowrie & Rattray. However the industrial heritage and character of the mills/lades/riverside area will be considered for protection by a separate designation.
09 July 2007	anonymous	Disagrees with conservation area - cannot see its point when so many buildings have already been treated unsympathetically. Considers large trees in gardens a hazard to neighbouring property.	Principle of extension has already been through significant consultation through Local Plan process and has not so far been considered inappropriate.
09 July 2007	Blairgowrie, Rattray & District Civic Trust	Welcomes the report and generally agrees with its aims. Suggests strong representation is made for funding to support it. Raises inconsistent approach to tree protection and suggests liaison between council and Forestry Commission to monitor tree works. Tesco signage far too obtrusive. Newton St, Emma St and south side of Burnhead Rd should be included. Covered arcades like those in Pitlochry should be considered for the High Street. Dome Cafe should be included as a landmark building. Concerned for future of Quinn's cinema and suggest an alternative use as printing museum. Hill Primary should have a community use, not housing. Raise concerns about viability of TPOs in Welton Rd area and possibility of HGV traffic in Golf Course Rd.	Suggestions and concerns noted. Management of conservation area and TPO trees improving with establishment of conservation team. Boundary amendments noted and agreed. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest.

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09 July 2007	Mrs J. Woods	Broadly agrees with CA boundary, important features, negative areas/enhancements identified. Suggests inclusion of Back Brae and Bankhead; Mitchell Sq and Keay St; whole of Riverside Rd. St Mary's South Church; British Legion building, George St; Toll House, Bankhead; Peugeot garage, Newton St/Perth St and distinctive local use of slate should be included as important features. Regrets felling of trees for housing sites and suggests additional planting is encouraged on existing sites. Boundary should be expanded to take in important tree sites. Identifies potential uses for enhancement/development sites. Believes Quinn's building to be unhygienic and dangerous. Areas of railings should be included in CA. Suggests additional source material.	Boundary amendments noted and agreed in part. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest. However some suggested areas are not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. Enhancement suggestions noted. Tree groups outwith the conservation area will be considered for Tree Preservation Orders.
10 July 2007	Ms J. Hunter	Suggests inclusion of Mitchell Square, George St, Newton St and Newton Lane. Agrees with important features, tree groups, negative areas and enhancements identified. Suggests additional enhancements at rear of Angus Hotel, old Co-op car park, and suggests an arts use for Quinn's. Raises the incongruous new signs at the Royal Hotel.	Boundary amendments noted and agreed in part. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest. However some suggested areas are not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. Enhancement suggestions noted.
12 July 2007	Mr J.W. Mackay	Congratulates the Council on the area identified and the need for a 'lift' to the economy and community. Suggests that the more extensive, traditional townscape should be cared for through designation and supportive policies. Newton St and area of Perth St beyond Shaw St should be considered for inclusion. More could be made of mill history and buildings. Rattray also needs a better balance in the assessment, particularly re. vernacular buildings, and area should include E side of Balmoral Rd, New Rattray S of Boat Brae and Old Rattray around Rattray Church.	Boundary amendments noted and agreed in part. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest. However some suggested areas are not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. The industrial heritage and character of the mills/lades/riverside area will be considered for protection by a separate designation.
12 July 2007	Historic Scotland	Welcomes establishment of CA. Suggests greater explanation for choice of boundary would be useful. Also suggests inclusion of illustrative examples of materials, designs and details characteristic of the area.	Noted and additional explanation included. Photographic survey to be expanded to include illustrative examples to tie in with council-wide design guidance.

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12 July 2007	N.A.K.	CA boundary should include Newton St, Gallowbank, Lochy Tce, Burnhead Rd to Upper Allan St, Newton Castle, Upper Allan St to Dunkeld Rd, Reform St to Jessie St, Wellmeadow to Lorny Bridge on both sides of Ericht, mill areas including Ashgrove Mill and Perth Rd. Considers the approach to inclusion/exclusion inconsistent. Tree groups at Newton St, Perth Rd and Riverside Rd should be included. Generally agrees with enhancements identified but questions Tesco signage and stresses importance of retention of Quinn's, St Stephen's and Hill Primary. Cuttle Burn walk route to Kirk Wynd should be reinstated. Raises roads furniture and excessive road markings and signage as an issue.	Boundary amendments noted and agreed in part. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest. However some suggested areas are not considered to be of sufficient architectural/historic merit to justify inclusion. The extensive areas of the Ericht banks suggested are not considered appropriate for inclusion at the present time as they are too separate from the town centre of Blairgowrie & Rattray. However the industrial heritage and character of the mills/lades/riverside area will be considered for protection by a separate designation. Tree groups outwith the conservation area will be considered for Tree Preservation Orders. Enhancement suggestions noted.
30 July 2007	L. & P. Garthwaite	Consider that tree areas along Riverside Walk to Lorny and north to Craighall, south of Blairgowrie Bridge to West Mill and at Rosemount should be included. The lade on the left bank of the Ericht should be protected. The presence of red squirrels in the above area should be protected and advertised more widely to encourage tourist interest.	The extensive areas of the Ericht banks suggested are not considered appropriate for inclusion at the present time as they are too separate from the town centre of Blairgowrie & Rattray. However the industrial heritage and character of the mills/lades/riverside area will be considered for protection by a separate designation, taking account of its biodiversity importance. Some riverside areas are already protected by Tree Preservation Order and further areas can be considered for TPO designation.
1 Aug 2007	Mrs J. Davies	Area should be extended to include area between Mitchell Square and Newton Street.	Agreed. Draft boundary amended to include wider area of architectural/historic interest.