# Vacant and Derelict Land area

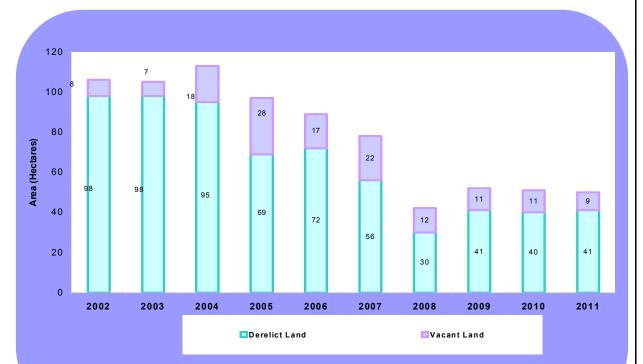
### **Relevance of this indicator**

Preservation and enhancement of the distinctive landscape of Perth and Kinross is important to maintain community well being, biodiversity and to support the local economy, which are dependent on tourism and maintenance of a healthy environment. Vacant and derelict land can often detract from the quality of the landscape and impact surrounding communities by deterring investment from the area.

Derelict land may also pose a threat to human health, if contamination is present by, for example, leaching of harmful chemicals into the local water courses.

#### **Current position**

A relatively small area of the land stock in Perth and Kinross is derelict or vacant. In the period of 2002 - 2011 it would appear there has been an overall decrease in the total area of land designated as derelict or vacant, resulting in a reduction of 56 ha, largely as a result of a steady decline in the area of derelict land (57 ha). The area of vacant land has fluctuated significantly over this period.



## LINKS:

### **PKC Sustainable Development Principle:**

SDP -2 Efficient use of resources now and in the future in the built environment and service provision SDP5 - Protecting and improving natural resources and biodiversity (e.g. air quality, water quality, land contamination)

#### Local Outcome:

Our area will have a sustainable natural and built environment

#### **National Outcome:**

We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations

## **DATA:**

**Source:** PKC, Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey **Availability:** Annual