

Public Survey

1. What is your age range?

Value	Count	Percent
under 18	28	0.0171
18-24	50	0.0305
25-34	117	0.0715
35-45	221	0.135
45-54	296	0.1808
55-64	387	0.2364
65+	538	0.3286
Total Responses:	1637	

2. Do you live within the St John's area of Perth City Centre?

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	95	0.0589
No	1518	0.9411
Total Responses:	1613	

3. How long have you lived within the St John's Area?

Value	Count	Percent
Under 5 Years	24	0.2581
Under 10 Years	17	0.1828
Under 20 Years	28	0.3011
More than 20 Years	24	0.2581
Total Responses:	93	

4. How often do you visit Perth City Centre?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	692	0.4225
Weekly	820	0.5006
Monthly	70	0.0427
Every few months	23	0.014
Yearly	6	0.0037
Never	2	0.0012
N/A	25	0.0153
Total Responses:	1638	

5. How satisfied are you with Perth City Centre?

Value	Count	Percent
Very satisfied	63	0.0387
Satisfied	432	0.265
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	493	0.3025
Dissatisfied	508	0.3117
Very dissatisfied	134	0.0822
Total Responses:	1630	

6. Which of the following do you think would encourage more people to visit Perth City Centre?

Value	Count	Percent
Additional Shops	821	0.5074
Cutural activities	874	0.5402
Events	1032	0.6378
Outdoor public meeting/activity space	805	0.4975
Better transport links	314	0.1941
Additional places to eat	249	0.1539
Other	374	0.2311
Total Responses:	1618	

7. Which of the following options for Perth City Hall do you most support?

Value	Count	Percent
Re-use the City Hall building	520	0.3177
Demolish the City Hall	796	0.4863
Partially Demolish the City Hall	182	0.1112
Demolish the City Hall and build on the space	77	0.047
Do nothing until the economic climate improves	62	0.0379
Total Responses:	1637	

8. Please state the reason for your answer above.

Value	Count	Percent
City Hall adds to the history of Perth	622	0.3816
City Hall does not add to the history of Perth	373	0.2288
City Hall is an attractive building	517	0.3172
City Hall is not an attractive building	595	0.365
Re-use will benefit the local economy	573	0.3515
Re-use will not benefit the local economy	236	0.1448
Demolition will benefit the local economy	618	0.3791
Demolition will not benefit the local economy	344	0.211
City Hall has sentimental value to you	283	0.1736
City Hall has no sentimental value to you	582	0.3571
Demolition will improve the setting of St John's Kirk	849	0.5209
Demolition will not improve the setting of St John's Kirk	287	0.1761
Other	434	0.2662
Total Responses:	1630	

9. If City Hall is to be re-used, what should it be used for?

Value	Count	Percent
Retail	180	0.1268
Cultural activity	454	0.3197
Don't know	308	0.2169
Other (please specify)	478	0.3366
Total Responses:	1420	

10. If the City Hall is to be demolished or partially demolished, what should the space be used for?

Value	Count	Percent
Attractive space	276	0.1804
Pavement cafes	67	0.0438
Markets	214	0.1399
Events	137	0.0895
Outdoor public meeting/activity space	178	0.1163
Don't know	69	0.0451
Other (please specify)	589	0.3849
Total Responses:	1530	

11. If the City Hall is to be demolished and part of the space re-developed what should the new building be used for?

Value	Count	Percent
Retail	177	0.1301
Cultural activity	498	0.3662
Don't know	316	0.2324
Other (please specify)	369	0.2713
Total Responses:	1360	

12. If we do nothing at the moment, how long do you think we should wait for the economy to change?

Value	Count	Percent
2 Years	446	0.3091
5 Years	137	0.0949
Indefinitely	82	0.0568
Don't know	307	0.2128
Other (please specify)	471	0.3264
Total Responses:	1443	

13. Do you think the Council should carry out further marketing of the City Hall to find out whether there are other possible uses for the building?

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	541	0.3398
No	997	0.6263
Don't know	54	0.0339
Total Responses:	1592	

14. Should the Council subsidise the re-use of the City Hall?

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	598	0.374
No	843	0.5272
Don't know	158	0.0988
Total Responses:	1599	

Do you have any final comments or suggestions?

please just take it down, there are people in the City who are not sentimental and whom would love a nice open square

Demolition could be combined with the creation of an underground parking facility as exists in Brugges, Belgium. The involvement of a car parking company as a partner could significantly reduce costs to the council and the taxpayer.

I feel the city hall could be turned into a youth venue. This town lacks anything for young people to do. It could be used as a concert venue (including battle of the bands etc), used for workshops/playschemes, internet use, dance class hall etc. With a make over to the interior, the City Hall could be a modern and active space.

Please do not allow the building to sink into a state of disrepair such as St Pauls church - this would benefit no-one!!

This should be the final consultation and a decision made on the City Halls future so Perth can move on whatever the outcome.

The space created by the removal of the hall should be multi use i.e. cafes, meeting space, picnic style areas for families and potential for visiting markets.

We don't need more shops. We do need public space. It's simple really!

As much as possible should be done to ensure the consultation reaches all groups in Perth society (e.g. the young) and not just the noisy majority who take the opportunity of consultation to further publicise their cause. When the results of the consultation are presented it should include a breakdown of the number and category of respondents to ensure the public are informed if the responses are truly representative.

although the present climate may make the changes to the City Centre less attractive something should be planned now as with all Planning of bigger buildings it takes time to get to plans through and if we don't start something now then it will be years before anything is in place.

There is a danger of the City Hall becoming another

In present climate it is draining the resources of an already cash saving council. if left for any longer it would deteriorate further costing even more to repair. This would take away any further monies for other projects

Museum storage /re-display facility.

Perth is an attractive city with plenty of wealth in surrounding areas, the shops and lack of quality eating places lets the city down. If there was more focus on making it more cosmopolitan it would attract many more visitors. More focus should be spent on attracting additional shops such as provinder brown on larger scale to provide good quality butchers and fish merchants. I currently travel a 50 mile round trip to by quality steaks!! How about having a farmers market twice a month?? Debenhams is an eye sore and should be given a revamp. Additional coffee shops would be a benefit, trying to get a seat in Nero and Costa at the weekend is a struggle.

Demolish it. Perth city centre is badly lacking a cultural heart and recognised meeting area.

Demolishing the City Hall will allow for an attractive open space in the centre of the city. The existing pavement cafes can continue, but should not intrude too much on the new space. This space should contain statues or perhaps a fountain but not seating which will only exacerbate the current problem with alcohol users.

I think it's important not to let sentiment get in the way of the decision. This has to be a practical decision. Whether the Council can somehow find the money to subsidise the use of the City Hall as some kind of community or public arts space (essentially a big village hall), or find the money to demolish it to make a public space, leaving the building as it currently is will do harm to the image of Perth. Empty shopfronts, such as the old Woolworths building are one thing, in the current economic climate people expect it. I also think that Perth City Centre Management have done very well in decorating things like the windows of the old Woolworths building to reduce the impact of them being deserted. However, having a hulking great building like the City Hall sitting empty in the middle of Perth brings the whole area down, and it's a situation which simply can't continue. We already have St Paul's to make Perth City Centre look bad, and at least it's out of the way and relatively unobtrusive.

Demolish the front of the building the entrance & the Cherubs are hideous

PKC should spend as little money as possible on this.

Demolition of the City Hall will adversely affect the character of the city centre which already has its fair share of modern bland retail units/large department stores. Development of the City Hall for cultural and retail(specialist) use will help Perth retain its historic flavour and reputation and uphold its recognition of a small vibrant city that takes pride in its architecture and ability to provide a broad range of retail outlets without having to sacrifice its heritage for the sake of commercial expedience - once gone it will never be able to get back the culture and heritage that buildings such as the City Hall provide. You only need to visit the continent to appreciate the charm and feeling of belonging that old classical buildings bring to a town and that are remembered by those who live or visit, often repeatedly, such town/cities. Instead of a way forward it would be a retrograde step for Perth. A sensitively redeveloped City Hall would add to the St John's Kirk if designed to compliment each other.

Buildings like the city hall are few & far between. To demolish the building would be a terrible shame. Buildings such as that should be maintained and kept as part of Perth's beauty and history. I am sure that there are many amateur dramatic societies who could use it for putting on productions or for schools to hold small concerts etc where their own school hall is inadequate. Craft fair etc could be held in it along with art displays etc. It could be made available to the public to hire for small functions etc.

Public space right in the city centre is missing to our city, please give us one. Thanks
I think the Council has a responsibility to take action on this long running and emotive subject. The area has a good reputation for its ability to hold great cultural events, for example the Perth Festival of the Arts. Another great event in Perth are the regular markets, but both of these could really benefit from dedicated space to such events. I believe that in the short-term the Council has a responsibility to subsidise this for the benefit of the local economy and building of the positive reputation of the area to make this a success and hopefully in time and as its reputation grows the requirement for Council subsidy would decrease.

Perth needs a square for events similar to Edinburgh (St Andrew Square, Lothian Road), Glasgow etc with seating and ideally a large screen (Manchester) for when events are not on, but used for cultural events such as festivals / markets which do not want to be rammed into King Edward Street or sent off to the North Inch.

I think that the City Hall is an unattractive building which brutally dwarfs St John's Kirk. The centre of Perth would be transformed if it was to be demolished. It is also the simplest and, I would imagine, least costly solution. The Council has to have the courage of its aesthetic convictions and take a decision which may prove to be unpopular among the more sentimental of its citizens.

this is an ideal opportunity to create some greenspace in the city centre.

We need to maintain the building whilst its empty, at the cost to the Council so making a decision sooner rather than later would ease the burden on the Council.

Openness and honesty in the consultation process and how the decision whatever it maybe was reached.

No

No

No

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No

To demolish this fine building would be devastating, it's an original, there is no other like it, and modern buildings all blend into each other like department stores. I think it would work better to keep the front, put a small grassy area in front of it some trees and open it to the tourist board, art and craft rooms, a cafe in the centre which could be used for dinner dances or youth group activities.

My specific thoughts for the reuse of the city hall is as a science museum/ planetarium

Should an activity centre be developed it's important it includes events that will attract all age groups, cater for disabled individuals and groups and also be imaginative with activities not

currently catered for elsewhere in Perth.

Personally I like the front entrance to the building with the cherubs etc, but the rest of the building, particularly if kept fully enclosed has little to offer architecturally. It would be sad and costly to see it turn into a bigger version of the decaying St Pauls on the High St. It would be good for Perth to have a quality retail or similar space that draws people into the area. To support Perth, I choose to buy local but sometimes, with two teenage children, I have to admit defeat and go to the Overgate in Dundee. Perth is a nice place to visit but it does lack variety of shops

Deal with it . think of the future not the past

do anything with the thing, but do it quick

If cost of rent too high if would not be used, so some degree of subsidy may be required , if used as a permanent market for example

The City Hall is an out of date eyesore in an otherwise beautiful City vista. Demolition and reinstatement of the ground for other purposes like markets or cafes will enhance the aspirations of the Council.

Please do not demolish the building - it would be good to use it as an Archives and Local Studies Centre - the Archive is in great need of storage space and Local Studies too could do with more.

I think that the city hall should be totally demolished and the space should be used for markets, cultural events and pavement cafes etc. My only concern, as previously stated, is that Perth has a problem with anti social public drinking which does not seem to be getting tackled. This would have to be rigorously policed so that the new space was not hijacked by

The questionnaire (hopefully unintentionally!) leads the user to respond to questions outwith the preferred and supported option chosen by the user in Q9 - may distort results!

Although technically difficult and expensive ,underground parking below the square has been managed elsewhere in Europe. Please just demolish it and then pave it nicely-there is no need for fountains,street furniture etc-let's just see how the use of the space develops over time.

Some improvements to the St Johns Shopping Centre facade would also be desirable Let's have it done and dusted in time for our reclamation of City status in 2012!

Once a decision is made, consult again on the options available to the Council at the next stage.

The building is an eye sore and blocks out sun and light in this area. The surrounding area on one side of the street needs to be opened up and enhanced e.g. more cafes, gift shops etc.

The opening up of the space would also enhance the view of the Kirk, particularly from the shopping centre. Additionally, it would be better for the markets etc to be in this area rather than

The rates must be lowered to encourage more local speciality shops. This was the reason that a very popular shop for locals and tourists alike 'Loose Threads' had to pack up. Perth has a clone city centre and not a very good one at that. That is why locals, especially young people have continuously preferred to shop in Dundee, Stirling, Glasgow etc. There must be more alternative to pubs and clubs, especially for young people. They have been neglected for so long. The arts centre for the Sandeman building was an excellent idea, but the Council's lack of vision put paid to that. What is it now? Another glorified pub. That about sums it up.

At this time of financial problems for the Council the Council should sell off this property to ensure jobs are saved in the Council and money is put back into the local economy. Previous consultation has not identified a use for the city hall and this is just time wasting and pointless consultation.

People are too willing to cling to the past. The city hall is NOT an old building, relative to other city halls. It has an extremely ugly facade (referring specifically to the cherubs that are perched on top of the building). The fixtures inside are old, unused and no longer serves a profitable purpose. It is a gloomy, dingy building that's site should be used in a more creative way, that can be changed according to the season. Street cafes and markets would really liven up this area in the centre of Perth and be a more viable and profitable solution to this problem than renovating the existing structure.

Perth in comparison with Stirling is abismal for shopping.

I am sure the City Hall could be used once again for large dinner dances. In the past I have attended dances there with the meals being served in the lesser hall. Since it closed many

events have either ceased or have moved out of the city. I enjoyed going to the flower show, WRI show, Rotary event at Christmas etc. but these have either ceased or moved out of the area.

The Demolition of the City Hall gives Perth the ideal opportunity to create a focal point to the city centre. An attractive open square would be ideal for Markets, Events and a Meeting point for Celebrations eg New Year celebrations whilst opening up the frontage to St John's Kirk. too much time and money have already been spent in trying to find an alternative use for this building, which is just a huge solid sandstone block at the heart of the city, blocking out the sunlight from the attractive outside cafes and preventing the most historic building in the city, viz. St. John's Kirk, being viewed to its greatest advantage.

The council could easily rent out this building to small traders with very little work needed to the inside of the building which would give much needed revenue to the council and small business would also get a boost from this. If after a period of time, a better use can be found for the city hall; that would be the time to look another look at the building again but at least it is not sitting derelict in the middle of Perth.

This is Perth's 800th Anniversary year of gaining burgh charter status. Our decision to reopen this public space for planned use all year round could be marketed as a very positive development and a bid to return Perth to its former historical position as one of the most important and vibrant market towns in this part of Scotland. We could also celebrate the removal of the building 'veil' from in front of the face of our very historic St. John's Kirk. This is a classic example of when less is more, and economic events may have presented Perth with a rare opportunity to create some valuable and useful space in its historic city centre. Let's hope we take it.

please don't waste any more time, or our money, on trying to find alternative commercial use for city hall, especially when there are already so many empty shops.

After the City Hall has been demolished resurface the area with ONE material. Whether it be asphalt, slabs or blocks does not matter but only ONE material. The High Street with its multi material surface is a disaster.

previous plans to have more retail space in a refurbished building made little sense as there are ample empty premises already available in Perth. An opportunity to create a new exciting centre in a city is rarely available and we should grasp this chance with enthusiasm. Surely there are architects who would love to produce plans to create an open space with a variety of uses. I have no such training but see a glass and perhaps Victorian style supports giving protection from the elements. Surely this would lead to the nearby premises not currently in use being utilised in some way for leisure purposes.

Take it down, build Perth a city garden where events/festivals etc can be held throughout the year- look to George Square in Glasgow or Princess Street Garden's in Edinburgh for inspiration

At a time when the council is seeking official city status for the burgh of Perth, it is curious that there is an opinion that the City Hall, one of the few building in Perth of city character and scale, should be removed. It is an enduring symbol that our Victorian and Edwardian ancestors, denied a city charter during local government reorganisation in 1889, gave us to proclaim the city status of Perth.

no.

I think Perth would benefit greatly from having a market square. Currently the City Hall is a drain on public funds - demolition and creation of a viable market square would save money and provide revenue albeit as a long term venture.

The Perth City Hall has no viable commercial use and it would be a real waste of public money to subsidise the continued use of this facility esp. as there has been considerable investment in the Concert Hall & Theatre which are great spaces for events. PCH is not an attractive building and more than that it detracts from the attractive buildings/cafes etc that surround it. Perth would benefit from an attractive open space.

The city hall is now an eyesore and of no use. The space it occupies is ideal for a proper city centre square that can be used all year round. There are already many cafes and bars there and opening the space would attract more which would benefit the economy. Markets and other events could also be used in this space. An ice rink at Christmas time with markets on a smaller scale to Edinburgh. The possibilities are endless.

It has been subsidised long enough. P&K Council has been marketing it for long enough and has not found any answers to the problem. They should now just cut their losses and demolish it.

Stop wasting money on maintaining a building we don't need anymore. Knock it down and make more space for decent markets and other events. This makes most sense given the present financial difficulties.

I trust and hope the council make the correct decision as I feel this decision will affect the city centre growth and status for many years to come

Yes the Council should subsidise it. After all one way or another it provides subsidy to other halls in Perth and Kinross and also enters into SLA agreements.

The city hall dominates the kirk and by demolishing the lesser hall would improve this aspect and still retain some cultural use for what would be left

Whatever agreements the Council enters into with developers it must insist on terms which will prevent a recurrence of the last fiasco!

I would like to see life breathed into this building and the surrounding area. The City Hall as it is over shadows the whole area. It may have a fond place in our hearts, but would anyone in their right mind not want to change it. It needs a right good makeover, and the sooner the better! Have a band stand in the middle, more cafes, markets, have a structure like the needle in Canada so that people can walk up it and have a 'birds eye' view of the city and surrounding area

The sooner a decision is made the better and hopefully that is full demolition in favour of an open space.

If PKC actually own the building then they should make a decision and stand by it. I feel like this has been talked about for far too many years. Regardless of what is decided there will be many people who disagree with the action taken so trying to obtain

It should go, we have paid for the new concert hall that has been a success. Look to the 21st Century, move with times. There are enough empty shops in town we do not need more retail.

I feel the issue of the City Hall should be settled fairly quickly whatever the outcome. Too much dithering going on at the moment.

Perth is dying as a attractive place to come - see various reasons suggested above. Action is required sooner than later, and acting on the City Hall now is a positive step forward. Delaying decisions, yet again, is sticking the proverbial head in the sands and Perth has suffered enough inertia in planning decisions.

Perth City Hall is a focal point in the centre of Perth. The future of the Hall has been going on for a very long protracted period due to a bungling approach by the Council and developers. It is time action took place and hopefully the Council WILL take note of what the public wish. Look online (not visit) other places which have a big open space and see what a benefit it can be to a city of the size of Perth. You could even call it the

Not everyone has access to computers. ALL Perth residents should be able to have their say on the future the City Hall and perhaps questionnaires should be sent out with the new council tax statements then you would get a far broader view on what the public thinks. 1300 residents on the Viewfinder panel may be enough for some proposals but is it enough for such a long running and major debate?

I feel the time is up for the city hall. It is not an attractive building and adds nothing to the city while it rots in full view. A multi purpose public space would open up views of the kirk and provide a venue for markets, fairs, events etc. Keeping the building afloat with public money when no commercial investor could find a way to make it work would be a scandalous waste of public money.

All great old towns and cities have a public square. The St. John's Kirk has been hidden since the city hall went up. Please make this the only consolation we have and don't let it drag on.

I think there is an opportunity to create a wonderful public space, with St. John's Kirk as the backdrop, which is of greater historical and architectural importance.

The initial proposal of shopping and cafe has been withdrawn. Why are we now considering knocking it down while the building is not in disrepair? Knocking down and refurbishing other city centre buildings would be more of a priority than knocking down the City Hall. Car Park / Utility Space is the only valued alternative for the space that I can think of. Although this would

not increase any visitor numbers or enhance the amenity value of the city centre. City Hall can remain, it can be knocked down it will have no benefit in 'real' terms to Perth. This seems to have all been a long drawn out process over nothing.

to remove city hall will improve the look of St John's Kirk and provide space for markets and other events, city hall has past its useful span in the city

I think the suggestion to use the City Hall for shopping outlets was never going to be viable - considering the number of empty shops in Perth. Although against the demolition of the building to start with I have changed my mind. I think a space which can be used for markets, outdoor activities and as a space leading to St. John's Kirk is preferable,

The decision should be made quickly as it has been at the 'consultation' stage for a ridiculous length of time and this only adds to local residents anger / mistrust of PKC.

Its time to move on. Like several other buildings which have been demolished in the past the city hall will always be remembered. I am sure when the St John's shopping centre was built and the buildings were demolished that we did not have the same problems and issues we have now. Bring Perth into the 21st century like the other cities in Scotland!!

I think it would be incredibly sad if the City Hall was to be demolished - for a few reasons: 1.

The architecture in the front of the building is absolutely amazing, if you look up to see the Cherubs, you will see what I mean - my children, myself, my parents and my grandparents have all looked up to see these 2. Sentimental value - I spent many happy years dancing and singing on the stage at the City Hall, as did my parents and grandparents. 3. I don't see the rush in changing things in the City Centre, please have a look at the Ghost Town that has been created in St Catherine's retail park, try filling these units instead of creating more - Sainsburys are looking at the Market at the edge of Perth, why not use the old B&Q building instead? The retail park is unsightly as it is at the moment, why demolish something that has lots of Perth history when we have relatively new buildings which need to be looked at first? To put another supermarket up at that end of the town will create no end of traffic congestion up there. We are season ticket holders at McDiarmid Park and can tell you that on a day that there is a home game, the traffic is horrendous. PLEASE LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY INSTEAD OF CHANGING THINGS THAT CAN REMAIN AS THEY ARE FOR THE TIME BEING - SPENDING MONEY WITHOUT REAL CAUSE AT THE MOMENT

Could P&K Council please carefully consider all the options open to them and make a final decision, based on viable solutions and the economic climate. Don't drag this out any longer. Are the elected representatives involved to decide the future of the hall? We have an excellent opportunity to shape the future city, let's not waste it or dither in indecision. Good luck! The empty building is an eyesore and will discourage businesses from opening shops in Perth - Knock it down!

For goodness sake PKC get your act together, grasp the nettle and get rid of the hall. Knock down the back of the building to create an open public space for events and markets. retain the front of the building and put in cultural facilities such as artists workshops and galleries. Perth needs more public space for events and markets in the city centre. Use this opportunity.

In the light of City status I would have thought that every city needs a square for any ceremonial events. Remembrance Sunday - military parade - any sizeable event of public interest. At the moment there is no place for the people of Perth and surrounding areas plus visitors to gather for any special event. The farmers markets would have room to display and people would have room to walk round. Continental markets would be much more attractive and welcoming. The pavement cafes would be greatly enhanced as customers would have a pleasing outlook instead of blank grey walls. It could be such a sunny, light and airy space. The St John's Kirk would be a fantastic asset if it could be seen from greater distance. The existing buildings have lovely stonework if you could take a few steps back to look up. In my opinion Perth is crying out for an open space.

I think we need to take bold actions & create a fitting space within the centre of town - needs to be high quality too though - so not a cheap option either!

I know everyone has an opinion, however, this is our unique opportunity to improve public space in the centre of town (...or should I say city?) It is not a time for people to get all nostalgic over a building that is not old, not attractive (from three sides), not large, not one that can be easily adapted to other (retail) uses and, as a hall, was largely under utilised anyway. If Perth

is to continue to prosper, I can think of no better way than by adapting the frontage of the redundant city hall to allow the Tourist Information Centre to return to an obvious place so that they can effectively promote our wonderful area to its visiting public. Colin Boag
Having lived in Perth for my entire life, but also travelled all over the world, I've always disliked the City Hall and have witnessed first-hand just how beneficial and attractive a well-designed, open and modern public space can be. I really hope that when this is done, it is done properly, and not just in the way that is cheapest. The public space that is created in the area should have the facilities required to attract people and make it as versatile as possible for as many uses as possible (again, please see The Brunswick in London for an example of how this can be done). It saddens me to see what has become of Perth city centre over the last decade, and I truly hope that this will be the first step towards revitalising the town and actually doing something positive towards making the changes that have been desperately needed for some time now.

The Lesser Hall is ideal for hire for smaller events, eg Perform in Perth, which has to be held in a number of venues which are unsuitable. Groups cannot fund the prices of the Concert Hall. This has gone on for too long. We elect our councillors to make decisions and they should have done so on this issue long before now. We already have disgraceful wrecks in the city (St Paul's Church and John Buchan's house). We don't need any more.

Please do not demolish this building. An empty square with the usual 'landscaping' of eight trees, lights sunk in the ground, and a few stone benches, would do nothing in itself to attract visitors. It would show the church off better, but so what? Perth needs to build on the success of the new Concert Hall, and provide visitors with an outstanding attraction. A prestigious photography gallery would attract visitors from all over the world. I believe that the Tate alone has hundreds of thousands of photographic images not on display. All National galleries based in London are encouraged to exhibit out with the capital. This would have synergy with the new Dundee gallery. D.O. Hill's photographs could also be featured.

Alternatively, if a major visitors attraction can not be found, the building would make a splendid central library as with the Stirling Library in Glasgow.

I find this questionnaire extremely frustrating as it limits the answers you can tick resulting in the choice of demolishing the city hall to be broken into 5 different categories which, if previous attempts by PKC to ensure they get their own way, will result in the demolish vote dissipating. I will also start a press campaign about this questionnaire based on the above
It is a lovely building and it would be a shame to see it knocked down as I can't see what would go in its place

Yeah, throw any suggestions from the Perthshire Advertiser's letter page, or anyone who reads the Perthshire Advertiser, right in the bloody bin. Bunch of set-in-their-way NIMBY fraudcats shouldn't be entitled to an opinion.

Only to add to previous it is plain to see how well liked and used also how attractive they are in all those towns/cities which have them It

The City Hall should never have been built in front of such a fine medieval building as St John's Kirk. The sooner it is demolished to give Perth a real historical heart which will benefit tourism and civic pride the better.

Make a pleasant open space, perhaps with seating.

Sometimes we have to look to the future...

This has gone on too long. Generations have come and gone since they met their spouses at a City Hall dance. I've lived here 48 years and apart from the festival it's most memorable use was for Wednesday nights wrestling and library sales. The council needs to bite the bullet and do the right thing for the future of Perth and for future generations of Perth citizens. The cities of Dundee and Stirling retail centres march on leaving us trailing in their wake while we prevaricate over a building whose time was up 20 years ago.

I am a strong supporter of a large public space in the centre of Perth, provided it is put to use throughout the whole year. I like the idea of the farmers market moving there, more space for the pavement cafe area and a space that Perth can be proud of. While I understand the sentiment of the older generation who remember events and performances at the City hall the building is a blot on the center of Perth and should never have been built in front of St John's kirk, one of Perth's most historic buildings

Money needs to be focussed on frontline services so in the present climate cost of demolition

would have to be weighed up against cost of ongoing maintenance. If in the long term it will save money then knock it down now. Currently it's a place in the way that you just have to get around, I'd much rather be able to walk through and enjoy the space.

It is an ideal opportunity to transfer the tourist office to a location where tourists can find it smack in the centre of the CITY as I sincerely hope we will get CITY STATUS. I am proud of Perth as I originally served in the PERTH CITY POLICE and would like to see it given the official status that it deserves. I would therefore like to see the demolition of the bulk of the present building including the Main Hall and the Lesser Hall with the frontage and the foyer kept for the aforementioned purpose.

As a very frequent visitor to Perth and hopefully soon moving to Perth I feel that St John's Kirk is totally obscured by the City Hall and it should be allowed to be shown in all its beauty and splendour to enhance the area.

Only to say that the City Hall site is or should become history. Time moves on and it is not a sufficiently important building to keep. It has had its time. Also the City Halls is not the only blot on the landscape in Perth. A City Centre plan needs to be developed and ACTION taken rather than the existing situation where we have to wait until everything falls down.

As mentioned before I cannot think of a suitable use for the existing building so it would be better demolished, it would be nice to have an open public space but I feel it would only be used for undesirable things.

Only to confirm what I have already stated. Make Perth have a vibrant city centre area with a cosmopolitan feel. The farmers markets would look so good in front of the Kirk. People could see the Kirk and how attractive a building it is. Make it a square with seating. Outdoor concerts could be held in summer. Street performers etc. Ditch the City Hall it is eating away at tax payers' money.

Creating an open space will just encourage the drunks/druggies to hang about in the area and while I have nothing against these people it's not the image you want for Perth. The City Hall is not that bad a looking building for it to be replaced with that.

The City Hall has been successfully replaced by the Concert Hall. There is already a surplus of empty retail units in the centre of Perth. Retail is not an option now. Demolition (which will also save annual maintenance costs of the empty property) can be justified to the community and to Historic Scotland as a major effort to re-use has fallen through (Wharfeside). Allowing the existing pavement cafes round the hall to front on to a square would be beneficial. The space would also allow development of the market - many towns south of the border have far more regular markets than we do and the benefit is that people are drawn in to the centre and thus use the other retail facilities.

Whilst the majority of properties in Perth city centre have been constructed from dubious quality stone and others sport the most horrible render, the City Hall remains one of the premier buildings in terms of location and aesthetics. To consider demolishing this building is an affront to the people of Perth and an indication of institutional closed mind thinking. Were this property in any other town or city centre, it surely would be used to its fullest potential and not sitting as a monument to unimaginative bureaucrats and politicians without the vision to create a fantastic asset to Perth town centre. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Perth has to try to be one of the cities which re-invents itself. All city centres in the UK have become boring due to the same powerful retailers putting in the same shops with the same corporate frontage and logos. We should try to develop a style which is Perth and force these retailers to be more imaginative and sensitive with frontage design while actively (reduced rates) encouraging new dynamic retailers to take up shops in the centre and more important the secondary and tertiary units in the wynds and vennels. Use, and pedestrianise, Tay Street for retail/restaurants and markets and this fantastic riverside space will instantly define Perth as different. Actively market the small shops in the vennels and wynds and help with re-establishing them. This would re-juvenate Perth's historic feel and prevent the death that so many centres have when they only rely on multi-unit retailers. Wandering through this type of atmosphere with a mix of sizes and styles of retailer in streets, wynds, vennels and beautiful river edge will distance Perth from the sterile multi-unit corporate feel.

A properly landscaped city square with appropriate seating facilities, extensions to pavement style cafes, would make the city centre a very attractive area and meeting place.

No comment

please take a decision as quickly as possible this fiasco has lasted far too long residents of Perth wish for a quick resolution to the problem

The long saga and shambolic process has had a detrimental effect of the public perception of Perth and it's council..

I have lived in Perth City all my life and seen it being left miles behind of Dundee and Stirling as very nice shopping, eating and parking sites all in one area with bright shops and decor. We have to act now and do something with the city hall or within 5 years Perth is going to be a ghost town.

yes get it sorted now

demolishing the city hall will greatly enhance the area around St John's Kirk

There has been enough time and energy spent on the debate over the city hall and its future.

When the consultation period is over, a decision must be made and adhered to. That decision will no doubt not please everyone, after all everyone is entitled to an opinion, however if someone has not voiced their opinion then they should have no further say. Whatever is decided needs to be implemented quickly, not dragged on for months or years. We do not need another 'St Pauls' scenario.

please do not let this drag on and on

demolish it as it is costing a lot of money to maintain it, and I do not want it to end up looking like St Pauls church at the top of the high street.

Too many of the architecturally interesting buildings have in the past been knocked down and replaced with uninteresting buildings taking something away from this beautiful city. I know a lot of people go about without seeing what is around them, sometimes having no interest. I wondered if downstairs could be developed as an extension to the farmers market and cultural uses for example art exhibitions, flower show to name two. Upstairs could have some shops.

Another thought was if it could be converted into flats?

I think it is sad to lose the City Hall but I think it would cost too much to bring the building up to the required standard for today's use.

This is an empty building which through time will become yet another eyesore if nothing is done. There is no point in retaining it for sentimental purposes only. There has to be a sound business plan, not wishful thinking! By demolition and redevelopment of the space created there is a great opportunity to turn this area into a 'Continental cafe area' to highlight the beautiful St John's Kirk. Although I live outwith Perth it is a place I am very fond of coming to and I am sure that many visitors would be attracted to the area.

Please preserve the building. Don't put an ugly new block in its place. It is an elegant architecture.

The building, despite the sentimental attachment of some older citizens, is neither historic nor attractive. It was built by typical Edwardians as an overweening, over-large, rather clumsy pseudo-classical status symbol. The stonework is not particularly good. A splendid opportunity will be missed if the City of Perth does not reinstate the square as a large public space for recreation and relaxation, and in the process give much improved views of St John's Kirk, the true historic heritage of Perth, as featured in 'The Fair Maid of Perth,' by lowering the ground level instead of diminishing the church as at present. I am not a religious man, but I do appreciate what makes a city distinctive and historic - and it's not pompous Edwardian pretentiousness!

Action is urgently required. Please get on with it!

Open Space for markets, cafes, cultural events etc

Don't knock it down please? We live in a too fast a pace mad society as it is. Let's keep the old lady who has stood still, looking majestically, down upon us, unchanged, as we worry about getting from A to B and our daily grind. Why do we really want to take that small piece of our life away that gives us a sense of stability in these difficult times.

This has taken too long already to make a decision on the City Hall. How much is the Council paying to keep it heated and maintained already - money wasted in an poor economic climate already. The Council needs to get their act together and make a decision now as to what they are doing and stop humming and hawing over it.

There have been a number of attempts to enliven this area of Perth through the generation of retail opportunities, golden towers, Italian quarters etc., none of which has stacked up. Time to

make the only decision which will make a difference to Perth. Demolition of the City hall. I would hope that if a decision is reached to demolish the City Hall that this happens sooner rather than later. Originally I was against demolishing such a lovely building with great memories but would now suggest that as time goes on it will become a eyesore. There could be a lovely big space in the centre of town to use for events and markets, and ensure more people could visit the town. In my opinion there is no need for more retail space within Perth. I strongly feel that the City Hall should be demolished and the area turned in to a car park, with facilities for disabled parking. This would do more to regenerate the City Centre than any of the fancy airy fairy ideas which have put a stranglehold on redevelopment over the past 5 years. I would suggest Council get a grip on things and bring the matter to quick conclusion and avoid a further 5 years of dithering which can only be detrimental to project and to the Council itself

I would welcome the council having the courage to remove the City Hall - it is the flip side to having had the courage and vision to construct the Concert Hall. We know that the pavement cafes draw people to the square and there will be loads of space for some parking, temporary market stalls, gardens, a sculpture or fountain, and imaginative design will mean that the space could be adapted for large cultural or political events according to demand. And, of course, St John's Kirk as a focal point provides a historical context which is much more profound than that of the City Hall.

At the moment, Perth Town centre is a dump. Vacant shops, uninspiring selection of shops. Lack of cosy places to go aside from the St John's Centre. If you want decent shopping, you go to Dundee or Glasgow. Speciality shopping like the Cornmarket in Leeds would encourage small start ups which would in turn perk up the local economy. This could also incorporate cafe and civic space for cultural activities in the warmth and attract a younger crowd as Perth is dead unless you're over 60. But keep the existing exterior. It's a beautiful building amongst the ramshackle rest of the centre. Knocking it down would be vandalism. The council should subsidise it. They're making plenty of money selling off green land in Tulloch and Inveralmond for housing...

Create a dynamic arts venue with exhibition space, independent shops or an outlet for local/Scottish designer makers. A space for arts education ie workshop space would be great too. This could host regular art classes as well as one-off workshops which could tie in with current exhibitions and events.

To demolish the city hall would give the open space to encourage more events to Perth and help with local economy

The building is an important one architecturally (otherwise, why would it have been listed). As a city with a long cultural history it is important to retain buildings of different eras. What is in fashion now goes out of fashion and then there is a danger of demolishing a building and regretting it in 50 or 100 years time. Whether we like a building or not is wholly subjective. Some people like medieval buildings, others prefer modern buildings. There is a place for all, but Perth is overall known as a historic city and as such historical buildings should not be bulldozed to the ground and made new. We have had wars that did this and now we are bulldozing the 1950s and 1960s replacements. How long with their replacements last until they look tatty or old-fashioned. The City Hall should lend itself to a myriad uses. Retail may be an option in the future, but in the current economic climate is possibly not feasible. Delaying a decision may enable retail to be considered in 5 years' time. Alternatively, Perth is improving vastly with its cultural history interests and surely a use could be made of the City Hall as a young people's space: part museum, part entertainment/art-making space (dance studio, art, film and photography studio, perhaps), with a youth cafe perhaps and a young enterprise section to encourage up to 25s to set up their own businesses, stage their own events, gain experience in all the backroom stages. Or it could be an adult's learning centre (very useful to have something like this centrally - and I don't mean a repeat of Blackfriars) with regular craft markets (as in the past), community events and a community-run cafe. Small-scale entertainment that is not suitable for the Concert Hall could be staged here. There could even be a museum section and an opportunity for the current Museum Service to take on a national collection it currently can't house or to set up a new exhibition space for something relevant to Perth (furniture through the ages, community perception of art through 800 years, etc). Could the building be used as a multi-religion centre, again taking into consideration the community

use for art and crafts, lifelong learning opportunities, alternative therapy rooms for hire, Eco-congregation run cafe, etc. I believe the City Hall should be given a chance and become a central, well-loved building used by a very wide number of people not just from Perth, but from the surrounding area too.

I feel confident that the residents of Perth would live to rue the demolition of this building. If it takes time to get this right, the Council should take this time and not allow itself to be cajoled in to hasty action.

Whilst the Hall is not a particularly attractive building, it is listed and an effort should be made to preserve, if not all, some of it. An interesting retail/cultural space could be developed, perhaps along the lines of Princes Square in Glasgow - it has interesting, quality retail units and innovative design features. Perth needs to modernise itself and be more attractive to visitors, both local and tourists.

The City Hall is not a listed building. The front looks ok but the rest is very ordinary. The acoustics are rubbish and as there are already many empty retail units in Perth there is no need to create even more which are likely to remain empty. Further shops are desperately needed in Perth if the city is to compete with Stirling/Dundee etc, but until the council sort out the commercial rates and fill already empty units there's no point in creating lots of little places in the city hall. Much better use of the space as a market area, civic space for art events, music events, plus showing off St. John's Kirk would be much better.

Yes. Please demolish City Hall and create a high quality open civic space. Consider the uplifting effect which George Square and Princess St gardens have on Glasgow and Edinburgh in the centre of these places. Ruskin said that a city is defined by its civic space - let's seize the opportunity to redefine Perth with the creation of a new civic space in the heart of the city.

The City Hall is a beautiful building with great Architectural qualities and it would be such a shame to demolish this building.

Move on and let the city hall go. It has as far as I'm aware no historical significance in Perth and many events which it could support are better facilitated by the Horsecross. Perth needs versatility and variety and the improvements such as the Tay street aesthetic and facilities offered by the Horsecross have made Perth modern looking and offered something new, attracting both visitors and revenue it would be a shame if this momentum were lost.

If City Hall were to be demolished altogether, I would like to see the sculpture figures being re-sited somewhere rather than destroyed.

It would be wonderful to see an open city square with the medieval centre and St John's Kirk shown to full advantage. My family have lived in Perth for the last 400 years. This is a city with a proud and rich history. The city hall is an unattractive, relatively recent build which is out of keeping with the area in which it stands and is not fit for 21st Century purpose.

I would just like to qualify my answer in question 16. I think the council should help finance or subsidise the investment but after set up it should become self financing or require minimal financial support.

I feel that the city centre does not need any more restaurants or shops but an event/activity space to attract people to the area. The current building overshadows nearby historic buildings and is very oppressive in the area.

Perth has many fine attributes to it. The City Hall is but one. Unfortunately because of poor planning and over development of other parts within the city centre, the City Hall has been inconsiderately treated and deserves to be restored to its position. Perth has aspirations of attaining city status. Currently it can argue it is a city as it has a CITY Hall. Remove this and Perth becomes a town.

When the Perth Concert Hall was built, the citizens of Perth were promised as part of that development, an extension to the Perth Museum & Art Gallery which never materialised. If the people/council of Perth are determined in their approach to renew the City status of Perth, then they must start thinking like a city. To this point they should use the main and lesser city halls as an annex to the existing museum and art gallery. It would be a simple job to put in an upper flooring area at the balcony level and therefore be able to show part of the huge collection that the city has in storage.

The situation has dragged on for too long and detracts attention away from other possibilities such as developing the area for the community also bringing the community together through cultural, markets, Arts & Craft and other public events that bring communities together.

The aesthetic potential for this space is immense, and could incorporate a range of uses relating to culture, eating dining, retail(markets) all of which would be of benefit to both tourism, the existing community, shopping and restaurants.

Just to re-inforce non use as outdoor meeting area.

Having spent a lot of time in France, I think that an open space with cafes etc would be the best use. It does not matter that the weather is not always good here-there are ways of sheltering open air eateries such as awnings and glass windscreens- it is not always hot in France!! I think the portico and pillars should be retained as they are quite spectacular and would remind us of the past.

The City Hall has sentimental value to me. The accoustics are excellent - so much better than the New Concert Hall. If it were to be left, it should be used for societies and clubs who cannot afford the rental of the New Concert Hall. It could be used to put on concerts, shows, exhibitions, practise and rehearsal use, etc. It was such a shame that the organ was sold off and left Perth, as it was an excellent organ and should have been used much more. To keep the City Hall for these purposes would probably prove to be too expensive, which is so unfortunate. It is perhaps better for the future and the economic climate that we live in at present that it be demolished and space made for outdoor use, markets, entertainment, etc. Perth vacant retail shops are now becoming quickly filled now so lets gets on NOW by cleaning it up.

Perth needs a paved open space, a place that acts as the focus for the city.

The city hall is an ugly building which adds nothing aesthetically to the area. Demolishing the building and developing a city square could breath light, space and life this area of the city centre,

Yes keep the city hall there are so many uses you can use it for as previously mentioned a youth club for homeless teens, a place for homeless people to go in the evenings for a hot meal es[pecially in winter. It can be turned into numeorus thing s as i know there are mnay organisations out there looking for places to set up clubs and things.

We need to develop a cultural quarter in Perth to add to the offer at the Concert Hall and Theatre. The DCA in Dundee would be the perfect type of offer for this area of Perth.

Alternative Cinema, art, dance and community rehearsal space with cafe and small retailers, such as local crafts persons and artisans would be a really valuable contribution to Perth. If this was supported by the council financially we could have a really creative offer that is affordable to local artists, creating value in the area.

with the city hall removed ,st johns kirk would be greatly enhanced especially if there could be a sitting area with planting .But would like to see enough space left for markets and events.

In the past 20 years I have watched Perth City Centre go from a vibrant town centre that was a pleasure to visit, to a rundown area with lots of empty shops which I do not particularly enjoy visiting. Creating a proper heart of the city that was suitable as a multi purpose venue - a meeting place and cultural centre - would, in my opinion, enhance the city enormously and encourage visitors - both from the local and tourists - and foster a pride in Perth from those who live there.

We have waited long enough for this monster to vanish along with St Pauls lets get on with it and give Perth what it deserves. PS dont forget to get rid of the planners who started this rubbish including the incinerator.

I think the area could be shared with expanding existing pavement cafes and also extra space for markets etc.

I attended concerts in the past in the City Hall and the acoustics were terrible. I think the concert hall is marvellous and we don't need another 'hall' for conferences etc.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my views and hope that the full detailed outcome of this consultation will be made available to the public as soon as the results have been collated.

Get demolishing process started asap.end this fiasco. move forward.please.

Consult a wide range of the public, consult aesthetically qualified professionals and look at similar venues.

The City hall has been a part of Perth for many years and we have no right to knock it down.

This should live on for many years and let others enjoy it as we have. There are many fond memories in there for many families of award ceremonies, concerts and plays and we should be allowed to make more memories with the up and coming children of Perth.

I am a native of Perth. The City Hall has been an important part of my life through 70 years ranging from singing in Primary School Choirs, dancing on Monday evenings to some of the UK's best bands to attending the Perth Orchestral Concert series. Its current emptiness is a matter of great regret and no little anger.

Do something soon rather than waste more money on consultations that are not carried through. Perth people need a sizable venue for club and small group events. There is no site in the centre of the town which is of the correct size or affordability. If nothing is done for these groups then in a few years time the heart of the community will be gone and state money will be needed in even larger quantities to regenerate a vibrant community spirit.

This is a white elephant and needs to go to make way for a vibrant open square in the centre of the town which could become a commercial and cultural heart. It would need open gardens and seating with space for public performances by the arts.

something which could benefit the whole community, including long term unemployed, disabled people, homeless people. A centre for creative arts, where groups of disadvantaged people could make, then sell their art. I believe we will eventually see a return to cottage industry, and this type of use for the City Hall would support that, and give creative, disadvantaged people somewhere to create their art, then sell it.

The building is attractive, particularly the entrance front with the columns and cherubs. It is well built and will last into the future so it is more sustainable to reuse it. More emphasis should be given to the physical state of the building. Demolition of a key listed building will set an unfortunate precedent for Perth and Kinross. This is one of a suite of public buildings such as the churches, station, museum which show that Perth has a long and distinguished civic history. Outdoor markets and events could be directed to the N & S Inch Parks which would be attractive locations for these activities. In the short term if the building is in a good physical state it could accommodate temporary uses to contribute to the vitality of the town centre and justify essential maintenance costs. In the longer term the Council may be able to make money out of the sale of a city centre property. When the economy improves a well designed and sensitive conversion of the building could be combined with improvement of the adjacent streets for street cafes and the public space around St John's Church.

a decision has to be made now, before we end up with another St. Paul's Church collapsing before our eyes. It's a disgrace that the council let it get to this state!

I'm not Perth born and bred and I do understand that many people, especially those of a certain age have a sentimental attachment to the City Hall but ever since I moved here in the early 80s I've considered it to be an eyesore. To open up this space would enhance the area no end and would show up St John's Kirk to greater advantage. It would also give Perth a real centre where people could meet, have a coffee, engage in some cultural activity etc. It would also be a safe area for kids.

The title of this consultation is

A outcome should come from this consultation - as waited long enough for something to be done for this. We don't want another St Paul's Church on our hands

Time to move forward and no more set backs.

The City Hall is becoming an eyesore. It has served its purpose and has of course been replaced by the Concert Hall. There is no further need for it and we certainly require no further retail outlets as is evident for all to see. The sooner it is demolished the better! It makes no economic sense to retain it.

PLEASE after all this time could a decision be made to try to get Perth moving again and make it a town worth visiting. A vibrant

We have knocked down so much of our historic building we should stop being vandals.

To move ahead with a strategy to reuse the City hall in some way instead of continually consulting.

I believe the Council has been negligent in the way the city Hall has been allowed to deteriorate to the stage that the only viable option, I see, is for it to be demolished, or was this the great plan from the outset.

Just get a decision made one way or the other and stop wasting public money on keeping an empty building wind and waterproof. Use part of the hall as a gym for the younger ones at a sensible cost for them. It will at least give them something to do and somewhere to pass their time instead of roaming the streets and hanging about the shopping centre all day.

For the long term benefit of Perth - act now - demolish the City Hall & create a 'heart to the City' with a fully landscaped open space / enhance the buildings adjacent to the square for a dynamic area. If retention of the City Hall is partially required - this is the soft option which should be avoided - be bold go for total demolition and enhance the setting of the Kirk. This building's effective use has ended - demolish it and open up the square in a piazza style to encourage businesses to the area. Top this up with a very public display of your sustainable credentials by recycling the building fabric and contents then using the space efficiently. Perth needs a change, this could be it.

How many times do we need to have this decision questioned? The amount of money being spent on it could have been used for better purposes.

The new Concert hall is an excellent venue for all concerts and conferences therefore there is no point in using the city hall.

I think the building should be demolished if there is absolutely no alternative use for it. It could significantly improve the attractiveness of central Perth and whilst I understand the historical significance, we have look at what contribution it is making now and weigh it against the benefits to be gained from a change.

Best possible action is to demolish and open up the space and have better sight of the historical St John's Kirk. City of Perth needs a hub.....a Square.

stop wasting time and money and do what was supposed to have happened when the new concert hall was built to replace a worn and outdated building

For goodness sake, just get on with it and make a decision. How much longer is this going on for? We already had a consultation years ago in which the grand total of around 600 people could be bothered to make a comment. That means around 40,000 couldn't care less about the City Hall, so let's give Perth an attractive focal point in the centre where lots of things could be going on. The council does not figure high in the opinions of most of the Perth public, and it doesn't help when you cannot even spell correctly in this poll – CUTURAL instead of CULTURAL (Question 8).

Let's have a decision soon and take the

I do n't think the council have been pro-active enough to find and secure alternative uses .

There is a determination to demolish it no matter what the citizens of Perth want or wish.

If Perth had no civic amenities, ie theatre and concert hall then the City Hall should probably now be demolished and a suitable building erected in its place. But with the decision some years back to build a modern concert hall (a correct decision in my opinion) the death knell for the old City Hall was sounded. Sadly, since when, false hope and unfinished schemes have been floated for this building all amounting to nothing. It really is now a candidate for

I am sure that the elected members of the Council will not want to go down in history as the assembly that demolished a significant and historic building in the 800th anniversary. It would be a shame if the only record we had in 100 years time consisted of a few photographs. Shame on the Council for even considering demolition.

no further comment to make

It would be a great shame to demolish such an iconic building. If (and it looks to me as though the decision to do this is already

Building on the success of the Perth Farmers' Market - the redevelopment of City Hall could be a more permanent opportunity for local produce to be showcased and sold, creating more jobs and demand for locally produced goods and services. Combined with properly regulated street entertainment (including a fixed fee as 'rent' for pitches, based on a reasonable percentage of proceeds earned), the area could be turned into a thriving focal point for both visitors and local residents (and workers during lunchtimes), especially over the summer months, with the benefit of shelter during poorer weather in order to maximise all year use of the area. The success of the market/open air entertainment area would depend on the opening up of the space, allowing passers-by to walk through and be drawn to market stalls and attracted to whatever entertainment was on offer at the time, without feeling closed in.

It would be sensible to decide to demolish soon and liaise with St John's Kirk as they will soon be embarking on their Vision for the Future improvements.

The creation of a central square with development of surrounding pavement cafes would give the town a magnificent focal point. In turn it would allow St John's Kirk the attention it deserves as the culturally significant aspect of the area. The square created would allow an excellent

open space with atmosphere which would be suitable for concerts/event/civic receptions which in conjunction with the concert hall would cover all the needs of the city.

This is an ideal opportunity to provide centralised heat and power to support local businesses and the environment

Whatever the outcome, I would hope the decision will not involve the council spending time and money endlessly discussing the merits and demerits of what is going to replace/restructure the area involved. I like the City Hall but it has had its day. A 'white elephant' is a drain on available finance which could be better spent on cleaning up, improving essential services and promoting Perth once again as a town to be proud of.

The concert hall is a fantastic venue and provides Perth with arts facilities, the city hall has been empty for years and has become a bit of an eye sore in what could be an attractive part of Perth.

It's now time to make a final decision about the future of the city hall as it's been going on for far too long. You are never going to satisfy everyone. Perth needs a central focal point and by demolishing this building it would open up this area for all sorts of events and activities which would give the centre of Perth a new lease of life which it desperately needs. It would become a far more pleasant area to sit around and eat than is currently the position. It would also allow us to show off St John's Kirk which is a far more attractive and historically valuable building than the City Hall.

There is a great opportunity to develop a much needed open space that will bring a wide range of benefits to Perth and enhance the image of the city in the eyes of locals and visitors alike. A secondary benefit of demolition of the City Hall will be a long-term ongoing revenue saving of building maintenance and management costs

Demolition of the City Hall would mean we could have regular markets like they have in England. It would also be suitable for pavement cafes. We could make it nice with small trees and seating which would attract more people into the centre. It would be nice if we could have something attractive like other European cities. The City Hall is ugly and is past its use. The City Hall was designed and built as a hall. Any conversion, or re-use, would result in a building that wasn't designed for its new purpose. It would look wrong; improvised and visually messy. The design and the function go hand in hand. It would be like a car converted into a tent. You could do it, but it would look silly.

Perth has more than enough empty shops without making the city hall into more retail shops. It should be knocked down and that whole area made into a nice open area

leave well alone

Perth is a lovely city with a lot to offer and a nice place for people to visit for shopping that does not exist elsewhere. However with the credit crunch, it is crucial that the Council do all they can to maintain Perth's character and attraction. With empty retail space now a feature of all town and cityscapes failure to act decisively on the removal of this superfluous building may be regretted for generations. An open square with the ability to accommodate both summer and winter events such as markets, festivities, outdoor concerts etc would be fantastic for Perth. The knock on impact on the city economy would be significant. Think of the Princes Street Christmas events in the centre of Perth! Summer musical concerts outside!

A well-kept, well-used space would enhance Perth City Centre and enhance the view of St John's church - one of the most important buildings in Perth. In view of the number of empty shops in Perth it would be ludicrous to add further retail outlets - especially as Wharfedale tried and failed to attract retail interest in the building.

The only sensible option is total demolition of the building thus giving back Perth its city centre. This was the site of the markets prior to this building. The potential for events, which would bring people into the centre and thus benefit the economy, is almost unlimited. From farmers' markets to craft markets, mass pipe bands, summer orchestral performances, joint use of the space with St. John's Kirk and so on. Further, the expansion of the cafe and bistro businesses along the South St. John's Place axis would be facilitated as they would be visible and attract custom. There is also the need to allow visitors to see the A listed St. John's Kirk properly. The irony here is that if a planning application were made today to build the hall it would be refused out of hand by Historic Scotland because it would

I feel we certainly do not need more retail space when there are so many empty shops

Would like the front of the hall left (Brandenburg Gate type affect) . Do I remember toilets and

kitchens under the entrance? that could be reused. The front of the hall has happy memories, my mother (born 1912) said that when she was small the family used to come into the town from Stanley just to look at the Cherubs up on the top of the building. The hall itself I remember quite well with my late father (Johnnie Williamson) running country dances on behalf of various charities mostly for mentally handicapped children, my father and Jimmy Shand were great friends and Jimmy supported the charity well as it was something that was close to his heart.

Many thanks,

Iain Williamson

It is about time Perth took a dramatic stand rather than played safe as it has done for so many years. It is not surprising that Dundee is perceived as a much more adventurous and fun city than us given their attitude to redevelopment and embracing the future. If Perth doesn't take this opportunity to accept the future is different to the past and that the future is an exciting place to be, the city will continue to die on its feet.

I feel an attractive multi functional open space would create a real heart to the town/city centre, especially if surrounded by cafes and small local shops.

Whatever the future of the building, the council should hold open days to give the public the chance to see inside - after all, we've had to pay for its upkeep during the years while it's been closed!

The City Hall is in keeping with the corner building alongside it (the cafe) as both were designed by the same architect and built to complement each other, it is also complementary to the Market Cross. There are few true historical buildings remaining in the city centre, and the City Hall is a well defined and identifiable landmark, which in its location is picturesque to tourists and visitors. It could easily be used to house a small indoor stall market along with cultural/historic displays, without significant cost or work, and as an identifiable tourist landmark would most definitely attract customers as they wait.

The city hall is fast becoming an eyesore and dragging the city centre down with it.

Regeneration is necessary. Change should be welcomed as part of life. I feel that the demolition of the city hall coupled with the demolition of the old Woolworths building would brighten the mood of the city centre and make Perth once again the City to be proud of.

A city square would be a great bonus to Perth

An open square would enhance the area with views east and west towards St John's Church and City Centre shopping area. This would also allow space for extra Market/Events/Outside Cafes and Restaurant with possible Public area for seating and viewing the complete square.

Please, please, let us have a quick, positive decision - taking account of all the opinions gathered during this consultation - and, thereafter, make the necessary moves within a short time frame. This

The City Hall is part of Perth and should be left alone. We have been at different concerts in Perth City Hall and it has been packed to the door. ie Bill Wilkie's Accordion Concert and Bill told me himself that the sound is just not the same in the new Concert Hall, but then anyone who doesn't know anything about music wouldn't have a clue.

I think the area should be an attractive outside area where cultural and other events could be held surrounded by shops and pavement cafes.

Please do not let the issue of the City hall drag on any further. Let us have a quick public response, followed by decision and action.

The money currently being spent on the upkeep of the City Hall could more usefully be spent on St Paul's Church to prevent its further decline. It is a scandal that a listed building in such a prominent part of Perth has been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent.

Yes - for goodness' sake - make a decision and get on with it!

BUILD MORE SHOPS INCLUDING AN APPLE STORE. WE WANT THEM NOW. H&M, TOPMAN, BURTON NOW NOW NOW NOW NOW NOW

Demolition would save the tax payer, in the present climate this is surely the aim of any responsible council

St Paul's Church should be demolished and a column with a clock should replace it. This would allow an attractive area to be developed and a fitting entrance to the Old High St. and the shops in St Paul's Square. The amount of money a developer would have to spend on this building would make it uneconomic to open a restaurant. The pay back time will be too long. The council should make a compulsory purchase instead of hoping that another businessman is coming along. They may say they will, but once they know the full extent of the

redevelopment required then a reversal of a decision for a restaurant will be the outcome. Or am I being to cynical? The City Hall should be demolished and the area including the street in front of the Mercat Cross repaved similar to George Square, Glasgow. Or move the Mercat Cross into the redeveloped area. Markets and events could be held in the town centre leaving the Concert Hall and theatre for other cultural events.

Many people come to visit/shop in Perth because it is that bit different from many other towns which have destroyed many of their older buildings to create unsympathetic ultra modern shopping facilities.

Can't afford to pay Concert Hall/Theatre prices - perhaps City Hall could be used for events that ordinary people can afford to go to.

I Beleive it should be a public arts space, gifted to the community, where youth arts is organised and welocome!

Lets bring this to a conclusion, sooner than than later, been going on long enough.

The Council is trying to have Perth reinstated as a city yet it does not look like one. The High Street and especially South Street are run down and tatty. Other Scottish cities take pride in their old buildings, not knock them down. We should be preserving and making use of our old buildings, to show that Perth has a history and is worthy of being a city.

The City hall should be demolished because it detracts form the City Centre area. It further diminishes Perth's standing as an attractive city to visit

Whatever-take some decision

I believe the original protesters against the demolition of the city hall were in the minority, it is now time for the silent majority to speak out for the demolition of the city hall. This would open up the splendid St John's Kirk and expand the cafe quarter.

I believe that further retail units would not make any significant change to numbers visiting Perth. It is my opinion that shoppers are drawn to the larger centres e.g. Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Dundee that Perth cannot hope to compete with due to its restricted size, and lack of suffiicient development space. Really, what perth need, if further retail space is to be approved, is shops with larger floorspace, not small

I believe Perth has the potential to stand out as a river-front city in Europe, with an exciting heritage and extremely beautiful location. I hope that as many of the improvements that have been discussed go ahead to encourage this vision; demolishing the city hall and creating a public space, creating a new street in place of Woolworths, and re-paving the High Street area. A public plaza in place of the city hall would invite great outdoor dining and a large space to express Perth's cultural dynamic.

Put all the floral displays back up during the summer.

PKC must press on with this project NOW - no more dragging things out. Be positive, make a decision, and get on with it !

I think the City Hall has run its course. It is not that attractive a building and has reached the end of its usable lifespan. I think creating a space in the centre of Perth would be very beneficial to the town/city and events such as the successful Farmers Market and other activities could be held in the space created.

A town square, St John's Square, would be an asset to Perth. The City Hall is and if redeveloped would remain an eyesore and a liability.

i think it would be fantastic to have a permanent area already set up and ready for live events. Similair to George Square in Glasgow or the mound in Edinburgh. The difference being, these locations have to bring in and build stages etc, Perth could have it's own square set up and ready to go 365 days a year whilst keeping the frontage of the building.

Too many of Perth's older buildings have been destryled in the nameofprogress. The new concert hall is a monstrosity and a waste of money, monet which could have been spent on the City Hall for future Events

Perth is a wonderful city, situated at the gateway to the fantastic highlands, blessed with a climate the envy of other Scottish cities and a potential to create a fabulous cosmopolitan city centre. It boasts a fantastic location, a festival hall the envy of many and some great restaurants, from in-expensive bistros to top end restaurants. Prior to returning to Perth we spent 5 years overseas, 3 in Paris, and enjoyed life in a wonderful cafe environment. Many long sunny afternoons were spent with a coffe or glass of wine in pavement cafes or around a small square just people watching, kids playing, just passing away the afternoon. The square

around St Johns kirk is the closest we have come to finding anything like this in Scotland. The Monthly Farmers market and the European market at the end of May are fantastic. Such a shame that they are crammed into the small space besides Waterstones and Debenhams. On Monday we were again enjoying the sun in Perth City Centre (yet again it was raining everywhere except Perth) and noticed the new

I would agree to partial demolition, but retaining the frontage including the 'angels' above the entrance, which I think are artistically classic and attractive. Beyond this, the rear area could be constructed to host markets and offer a space for possible public events.

AS PREVIOUSLY LISTED CITY HALL SHOULD BE KNOCKED DOWN KEEPING SOME OF ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES FOR DISPLAY IN A CIVIC CENTRE AND CONTINENTAL AND FARMERS MARKET WOULD BE IN A MUCH MORE ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION WHERE PEOPLE COULD BROWSE MORE EASILY AND ADDING A FEW MORE BISTROS FOR PEOPLE OF PERTH AND TOURIST TO ENJOY. NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO KNOCK BUILDING DOWN BUT AS THE CITY HALL AS BEEN SO BADLY NEGLECTED OVER THE YEARS IF DECISION TO KEEP IT GOES AHEAD SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO KEEP IT FULLY MAINTAINED TO A VERY HIGH STANDARD. WE ALSO HAVE CONCERT HALL WHICH HAS BROUGHT MANY SHOWS AND CULTURE TO PERTH GREATLY ENJOYED BY PEOPLE OF PERTH AND THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT ASSET WE DO NOT NEED THEM BOTH

The hall has deteriorated to such an extent that any remedial work would not be cost effective Demolition is the only long term viable answer to the problem of the City Hall. We should not look backwards at what the hall used to do - it has served its purpose and is now out of date. We need only look at the success of the concert hall to see how much more attractive Perth is to a much greater range of activities with its modern facilities than it was previously. A new open facility in the city centre would be a wonderful opportunity for Perth and to attract visitors to a modern city, with modern facilities. Take the risk - demolish as soon as possible get someone to blow it up,

Perhaps carefully take down the two sets of cherubs and surrounding stonework to form two attractive features, better than some of those weird modern artworks that appear around the country.

I feel there is no further use for city hall & would rather the space be opened out

Apart from having small units and events going on in the City Hall would it not be viable to use some of the space to house the various Markets which are held in King Edward Street instead of losing money as they might have to be cancelled because of bad weather. It would also be more hygienic having the market stalls inside where food is on sale.

I think the city hall should be used for school things (eg. school concerts, when the school is too small to fit everyone in)

The City Hall is a beautiful building and part of historical Perth and should be preserved. By demolishing the building the council would be destroying part of the heritage of Perth which should be preserved for future generations. Although I have only returned to Perth relatively recently I use to live here many years ago and have fond memories of attending events at the City Hall. It is a landmark in Perth.

There is no requirement for additional retail outlets, shown from the empty outlets in the city centre. The present hall requires the stonework cleaned to reveal an irreplaceable Victorian architectural work, a feature in itself. Greater thought should be given to the fuller use of the building during the week. This is not the time to demolish the building with current restraints on capital expenditure which will compromise the ability to make sound decisions with regard to the use of the created space.

It could be used for a tourist information centre as it is in the centre of Perth

This would be a perfect opportunity to revitalise the city centre and provide a focal point, i.e. a city square.

This has gone on for far too long! Why not open up the area into a well developed space for better use of the people of P+K.

I am proud of the city hall and it would be such a shame to see it demolished. It would be good to see it used once again like it used to be. I have very fond memories of the city hall

I believe before the City Hall squeezed it's way into it's current situation there would have been a fantastic city square, a space for the people, a space to have permanent markets; bigger

outdoor events; cultural activity; a space for overall public enjoyment for the people of Perth. It's not always about making money. Perth is crying out for a city square - then we really would be unique!!

City Hall should be knocked down to make way for a public square and meeting place, with the surrounding cafes etc it will make a lovely square setting just like George Square in Glasgow, and have ice rink etc at Christmas time. It could also be used for outdoor concerts, organised events and farmers markets etc. The building is an eye sore and serves no purpose so please knock it down.

Demolish it fully and with all practicable speed - unless you can sell it to the Japanese or Americans as a 'flat-pack' heritage building from Bonnie Scotland - the home of Robbie Burns, golf and a bit of that. Good luck !

The City Hall should be demolished and replaced with a well designed open space with statues, street art and benches, but possibly with some cafe/retail/streetmarket use, but primarily to enhance the setting of the Kirk, which is the most important building in the Town. The building scale of the City Hall is a bit too big for the surrounding buildings in the square and once it is removed improvements should be made to the rest of the buildings to enhance the overall character of the square. It would be a superb opportunity to enhance the streetscape and buildings and would add considerably to the already good character and ambience of this part of the town.

The City Hall has been a good servant to Perth and it is the building where I went to see my children perform and to attend their school prizegivings but it has had its day. There is an opportunity to clear the site and create a vibrant open space in the heart of the fair city with a wonderful view of St John's Kirk. It was missed the last time it should not be missed this time. I think that as soon as the decision was made by PKC to build the Concert Hall the future of the City Hall was in doubt as it is not realistic, financially, to support the running costs of both buildings. PKC is determined to try to turn public opinion towards their favoured option of demolishing the City Hall. Indeed 1 of the councillors who was photographed promoting this survey has openly stated that he is in favour of the City Hall being demolished. What nobody on the council has stated is the cost of demolition & creating a 'world class' civic space. An architect reckoned it would cost £3m simply to demolish the Hall & remove the rubble &, as far as I'm aware, nobody on the council has come up with an alternative figure. Aberdeen are proposing to spend £147m on a new city square & Glasgow has a beautiful city square surrounded by impressive architecture. Can a civic space proposed for Perth which is in a relatively small area surrounded by pretty ordinary, non-descript buildings (apart from St John's Kirk) really compete with these cities let alone cities such as Rome or Florence? Also, given the financial pressures that councils are going to face in the next 5-10 years, how much is PKC going to spend on creating this civic square? Many people in the business community have supported the idea of demolishing the City Hall. I suggest therefore that you ask them if they would like to see an increase in their business rates in order to help pay for it!

Perth is well known as a beautiful city. It will never be a major retail destination, and we have enough empty retail units in the town as it is. An attractive City Square will be a USP for visitors to the town. It will showcase the beautiful St John's Kirk. It will provide a fantastic open space for markets and for public events (eg the Xmas light switch ons, radio roadshows, live music). It will highlight the fabulous cafe quarter. Perth is a beautiful town. The City Hall is an ugly building. The Concert Hall is a stunning replacement. We do not need the City Hall.

It has been disappointing to note the decline of Perth's Town Centre. There are gems to enjoy but nothing is made of them and Perth cannot compete at the moment with its neighbours, Stirling and Dundee, for quality and quantity of shops and the general shopping experience. Its value at the moment is its history, natural resources like the Tay, and individuality. To demolish the City Hall would be another nail in the coffin. I have made suggestions in my earlier comments. To me, a centre keeping Perth's unique history alive while combining and feeding a variety of uses would be an answer.

This is a prime opportunity to create a space that is unique in Scotland. A modern facility with ancient roots. Clever planning and design (e.g. no kerbs, in order to discourage skateboarders) can open up the city centre to provide a dynamic, exciting public space.

Get On With It! How long are you going to let this building rot for before taking action? Will the people of Perth have to suffer the humiliation of watching the place slowly disintegrate like the

church on the old high st?

The hall is a very attractive building and, in my view, to demolish it would be an act of official vandalism on a par with that seen in the 1960's.

I don't regard the City Hall as having any particular architectural merit but that's not my reason for preferring the demolition option. In another place the building would be fine but where it is, dominating the square, just looks wrong. How nice it would be to see a well planned multi-use open space with St John's Kirk as the focal point which it deserves to be.

A large open square like the ones in Brussels (La Grand Place?) will make Perth more beautiful and unique among other Scottish Cities, well placed to compete for European and British Tourism. The improvement to St John's Church will be immeasurable and will attract weddings and baptisms from over Scotland which will fill our hotels and enlarge the local economy.

Please think big. I would be willing, as a local resident, to fund this through council tax rather than 'bodging' the existing building.

City Hall and St Paul's have long been eyesores in Perth. It's time to move on, get rid of them and make Perth's claim to be the

Get on with making a decision before the building falls down or gets as bad as the church at the top of the old high street

This is an ugly Edwardian building which dominates what could be a very attractive open space the creation of this space allowing better views of the surrounding buildings and the kirk. It clearly does not have a viable future use either for retail or other purposes and should be demolished.

I'm sure that for a good number Perth residents the City Hall has sentimental significance and given the time the hall has been standing this is completely understandable. However, by taking a bold and courageous step of carefully removing the Hall we would return the market place to its original position providing visitors and residents with a fantastic view - the dramatic background of the historically renowned St John's Kirk. This would allow existing cafe culture to flourish and provide an impressive space for markets, concerts and all kinds of cultural events restoring a natural meeting place and putting the heart back in the centre of Perth. I think this would be a great leap forward and a tremendous opportunity for the future development of Perth city, the city I was born in.

Unless a good purpose can be found for the building (either all or part) something must be done and not left to get into the state St. Paul's church is now in.. A good few interesting buildings have been demolished in the past, but I would rather see the City Hall demolished than just sit there empty and unused, costing money keeping it wind and waterproof.

Although I am currently dissatisfied with the Centre as it is, there is a real opportunity for developing on Perth's natural beauty. The city hall, demolished or partially demolished (its good to have a bit of history still in place), I would hate to see the surrounding area tarnished by a new horrible building. The best way forward is to create a European style plaza, a brand new beautiful landmark in Perth Centre with the church next to it, would provide additional space for seating and events (an expansion of the farmers market or new ideas). And allow specialist boutique shops to open around it, create an atmosphere. No more second rate coffee shops, Greggs banks or pubs. Perth has the Tay, the Inches, St John Street is beautiful.

Repave/redesign the High Street in much the same way, Imagine a beautiful sunny day, the plaza is packed, vibrant, the farmers market is on, the coffee shops are busy, local specialist shops lining the surrounding area. Tourists/visitors visit more often, maybe stay for longer because it's beautiful, has a reputation. Please recognise the potential, don't allow Perth to become just another typical British town.

I think an open space would add greatly to the character of the town centre, and provide a great setting for St. John's Kirk.

An attractive area in front of St John's Kirk with a few plants and trees and perhaps fountains would be nice where people can come to the centre of Perth as before and find character and space

I think the city council need to be brave and not hang on to a building whose time has gone. Open markets are growing in popularity and Perth should develop this idea with more farmers' market and perhaps a Christmas German market like that in St Enoch Sq in Glasgow. Perth has so many empty shops that I don't see the council filling a new shopping venue and I think the type of shops that Perth needs to open are those which will attract the younger shopper

who has disposable income. Shops like this e.g. Miss Selfridge would not operate from a unit in an old building.

We need to re-energise the city centre or face a slow death - have you been into Dumfries city centre recently ? - it is a terrifying vision of the future of Perth city centre if the Council does not act now with vision and imagination. 20 years ago folks from Dundee travelled to Perth to shop - now the migration is in the other direction. We need to meet the twin goals of re-imagining retail provision and a vibrant tourist focal point. The vision needs to be therefore greater than just the demolition of the city hall. After creating a bright /open flexible public space that creates a marketing brand/niche and entices people to visit/ be entertained, they then need to know that a comprehensive retail experience is available to them - big brands and smaller boutique units. Want a creative solution ? - the streets around the new public space should be partially roofed with glass/ laminate to give the feel of partially enclosed

We desperately need an open space where people can gather, attend events, eat, drink, etc. Ideal for markets. As in other continental countries, limited parking could be allowed and then prohibited when events take place.

like other large towns, perth needs an open space which would accommodate lots of different activities, also the markets could use it as it cramps the centre of town at the moment. The whole process of seeking a use for the building has been gone over thoroughly in the previous consultation, and no worthwhile use found. This, coupled to the long term uncertainty in the property market, makes demolition the only sensible option. There is no need for any further floorspace over and above that which will be provided in the Woolworths development. Clearance of the existing building and provision of a well managed multi purpose space would add greatly to the overall attractiveness of the city centre, giving scope to properly see St Johns, and significantly enhance the viability of the various catering businesses around the square. One final thought - the existing building has a basement, which could be used, suitably roofed, to provide a storage area for any event infrastructure - temporary structure such as a dedicated marquee, staging, chairs etc - which would be helpful in maximising the function of the new public area.

I think the Council has done its best to find uses for the building over the last few years - it is time to move on. There is no public space in the centre of Perth - one which enhances the most historic building in the city would be good.

Knock it down, improve short term parking - this may go some way to attracting shoppers back and encourage more small specialist shops to set up business with increased foot-fall unless Perth is to become the charity shop, pound-tat outlet and disabled parking centre it has become compared with the bustling county town it once was! Do not allow some large pub outfit to open up in the area as this will just encourage the riff-raff that infest other areas of Perth and will repel those who are looking to spend a decent family-orientated and a more relaxed and sophisticated time in the St John area.

Perth had the opportunity to improve its image by painting the queens bridge in bright colours. Instead some muppett complains and we get BLACK. Just about sums the place up.

Depressing. Do something exciting to attract quality visitors to the City. The new Library is a good example of what can be done. The Concert Hall is another.

In my view the City Hall is not an attractive building. It's removal would improve the setting of St John's Kirk, provide a usable and functional area of open space and enhance the amenity of the existing cafes/restaurants surrounding the square.

When speaking to the fellow from the council on sat 20/02 in the shopping centre he indicated that no post would be created if the space was to be redeveloped to manage and encourage use. Rather than spending money on mothballing and surveys positive action needs to be taken. The impression I have is no one has the B**Is to take a decision which will certainly be derided by some whichever way it goes. I'm sure local businesses will tell you (of which I am One) that indecision is crippling them. New to-let signs appear every week. I also have memories of city hall as a child appearing in concerts/ singing kettle etc. They won't help local businesses.

Whilst I sympathise with those who think the City hall is a fine piece of architectural history I do not think it benefits Perth in any way. It is ugly, outdated and occupies a piece of ground that could, if developed properly, be an attractive usable asset for the city.

YES THINK AGAIN VERY HARD DEMOLISH THE CITY HALL YOU TAKE AWAY ONE OF

THE ONLY BUILDINGS PEOPLE REMEMBER OF PERTH. FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL LOOK AT PHOTOGRAPHS AND ASK WHY IT DISAPPEARED , JUST AS MANY STRUCTURES WERE DEMOLISHED IN DUNDEE THE NEW CONCERT HALL MAY LOOK REASONABLE AT PRESENT BUT WITHOUT AN OPEN SPACE AROUND IT IT WILL FOR EVER LOOK OUT OF PLACE. IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF THE CITY HALL LOOK AT THE WHOLE CENTRE

This is a fine building which should have been remodeled and used as our Concert Hall instead of the cultural monstrosity at Horse Cross, which is in the wrong place entirely. However we must try and rectify what we can by preserving it and not let it go the way of St. Pauls church. Perth needs to provide more for its tourists. If this space was used for events, markets and outdoor eating it would be very attractive to our visitors, especially with the Kirk in the background. It would also benefit the shops in this area as they wouldn't be obstructed from view.

It will remain as an empty space if nothing is decided soon. So whatever decision is made will be better than leaving it empty to no use. A local tax payer who's fed up with inaction.

Please do not destroy the City Hall. Is part of the history of Perth, something to be proud. Do not denide our future generations of part of our history. Today is the City Hall; tomorrow will be the North and South Inch recreation parks.

I don't think it should be used for more shops. We have enough and some stand empty. Let's do something more interesting with it and encourage people to discover something other than shopping!

Demolish the City Hall as soon as possible before it becomes another derelict eyesore like St Pauls Church.

I think there is a great opportunity to do something that would be the centrepiece in the city centre - an iconic space/building

The problem with an open space in the centre of Perth is that, unless extensive landscaping to soften and add texture to the area is undertaken and maintained, we could just end up with a windswept, litter strewn, barren waste. Even if we produce a lovely area, say like Charlotte Square Gardens, we may find that we need to secure it at night to prevent its use for nefarious activities! Large squares in European cities can be beautiful, but are used all year round, could we be certain that an area like that in Perth will be used, maintained and respected in the same way? The City Hall was a fantastic venue for dances, concerts and other events. Arguably better than the new concert hall for dancing. It does dominate the square and St John's, so perhaps redevelopment on a smaller scale would be the best option if the Council rules out retaining it.

Whatever is decided, action needs to be seen quickly - you should also definitely auction off the cherubs - probably pay for the demolition! Recycle as much of the Hall before demolition, especially the stone work.

Whatever the decision of the people of Perth the works should be carried out at the earliest.

The redevelopment of Woolworth Store to link up with the Concert Hall should also be a priority. Rate breaks for new and existing businesses to the centre of Perth while the works are going on would be essential as this would effect in the short term businesses in the immediate area.

Prior to the construction of the St John's Centre the area in front of the hall and around the cross was a green place that was welcoming and inviting to residents and visitors alike. It is time to bring that open green space back to Perth and if demolishing the St John's Centre is not an option then sacrifice the hall instead. You yourself say that in the current climate it will be difficult to get businesses to use the hall so why bother. Demolish it and put in a green, open welcoming space where people can go and sit, walk and enjoy a peaceful haven in the centre of town. This area could be utilised for markets, events and public meetings or performances as well as opening up the whole frontage of the Kirk making it a focal point for the area. An open space would also enhance the growing cafe culture. Please don't lose this opportunity to bring to Perth something to mark it out from other towns of similar size. If the council are so determined to have Perth designated a city then at least let it have what every other city that I have visited in the world has; an open and useful focal point at its centre. I trust that this public consultation will not end up as the recent one for the supermarket in Scone did in that the vast majority were ignored and the council went their own way anyway!

The beauty of St John's Kirk (an iconic building) is dwarfed and hidden by the utilitarian City Hall . I think Perth City centre would only be enhanced by the demolition of the Hall. If you visit any historic town or city, most have a central square or piazza which is the hub of the community - Perth could have this too if the council is courageous enough to make the right decision.

Demolition of the City Hall would create a public open space that would act as a focal point for the city centre. It would create an open aspect to St John's Kirk; it could be used for outdoor events, markets, concerts etc; allow the development of more street cafes in the 'Cafe Quarter'. I realise the economic situation at the moment has meant a halt to the proceedings on the city hall, but the 10 year plan that was proposed 10 years ago to redevelop the city centre, has only partially been followed through. Yes we have seen improvements to certain areas of the city (i.e. Tay street, the Concert hall) which has proved successful, yet there are still a number of deserted areas with empty streets and shops. What happened to knocking down the old DWP building and the old Woolworths building and really showing off the concert hall in all its glory? How are we going to ensure that once popular shopping streets like St John's Street don't become anymore deserted than they already are? No more consultation, its action that is needed. Someone needs to make a decision and stick by it. Whether its a demotion of the city hall or redevelopment, as long as the decision made is followed through with a strong and decisive advertising and marketing campaign. If the council believe in the decision they make, then the people of Perth will too. But if there is any more procrastination on a decision, then the people will continue to lose faith in the council and their city centre, leaving them to spend their money in other more inviting towns and cities nearby.

The future of the City Hall has been the subject of much debate and examination over the past few years. I hope that this survey will speed an early conclusion - otherwise the area is going to degenerate and become even more of an eyesore than it has already become.

Perth does not need any more Retail units and the city hall should NOT be used for commercial purposes. The town is full of empty units and any future use of the existing building should take this into consideration. Demolishing the existing building would create a pleasant and attractive centre to the town and boost footfall to the main shopping areas (high st, st johns st and the st johns centre). A town square which would be a natural point for tourists and events such as farmers markets and would add more to the town than the existing empty building.

Demolishing the town hall also reduces any ongoing costs/subsidies for the maintenance of the existing building (regardless of whether it remains in whole or in part.) which the council and taxpayer cannot afford.

Get Perth out of the square bear too many rules and regulations, xmas /New Year any time of year! what is there for the young????????????FUTURE....

please don't destroy our history in Perth! or tourists and visitors will have nothing to see when they are here! and the people of Perth will not have any pride about where they come from, will not be able to talk about the landmarks here, and we will have nothing cultural and historic to show our children just an empty space, thank you

Having a well designed and thought out city square will add value to Perth's city status. It will enhance St John's Kirk and make it the centre piece of the town drawing tourists and residents alike. Pavement cafes and illuminated fountains will give the centre of Perth a more sophisticated space where markets, events such as outdoor skating in the winter, pipe band displays, marathon/bike race start points and other cultural activities can take place.

Stop being children about the building. Make your mind up and get on with it, the longer it's empty it's less money in people's pockets. The proposed idea of the shopping centre that was going to be built was a great idea until it all fell in, stick with the shopping centre plan and get cracking pkc!

stop dithering PLEASE

My husband (John Fletcher) sadly passed away in September 2008 - he campaigned vigorously for the City Hall to be kept in Perth. He sent letters often the Courier and the Perthshire Advertiser. We have lived in Perth all our days and would not like to see all of the City Hall being demolished. It is very much part of Perth's history and it would be a travesty if this building was to be demolished. I am not against some change for the future, ie. part of it being demolished but I think for the heritage of Perth the frontage at least should be kept. The centre of Perth is a lovely place but I do think some of the history should be kept.

Demolish it now and development the resultant area soon, so that it is ready for when the economy picks up.

it would be nice to have a public space, well landscaped and properly policed so there is no litter and no vagrants, drunks, etc... and where market traders could come on a regular basis like the farmers' market, there could also be foreign markets or such.

The council have spent lots of time and money previously asking for public opinions and still we the people of perth are no further on. It feels as if, when PKC doesn't get the answers it wants it hedges and puts off until people get fed up and then the council just drives ahead and bulldozes through its original plan - completely contrary to the wishes of the people of perth - eg the 'new library'! It's about time PKC started paying more attention to the men and women in the street who elected them! Perth is becoming a hodgepodge of untidy, empty shops with only the ever expensive summer flowers to brighten the place for a while. Once aside: some money spent on multi coloured diode lights for Christmas trees would look better than those horrible white things that have been about for a few years now.

As a young person living in Perth, I believe that Perth City Hall is an attractive building and it adds to the beauty of the town. It should not be demolished! It should not always be about the money, it should be about preserving the historical buildings and keeping the history of Perth alive (especially with the 800th anniversary)!

I think it would be sad to demolish the City Hall as it is a fine building and if Perth is to become a 'City' surely we should have a City Hall. However it is equally sad that it sits empty and unused and I strongly feel it has a future by bringing outdoor events indoors as mentioned above.

Keep the front and at the rear have an outdoor entertainment and play area. A stage at the rear could be used for all sorts of entertainment purposes and in the day time markets and play areas could be developed.

Create something beautiful and useful to the people of Perth .. but also something that is going to attract visitors.

It would be a travesty to demolish the building. The demolition brigade is driven in the main by existing retailers who have a vested interest in self survival - after all more retail is not in their interests. We have pedestrianised St Johns street to achieve what? a much quieter area with little benefit. the Hall can be adapted at a fairly low cost, probably less than the cost to demolish.

I cannot believe the demolition of this magnificent building is even being discussed. Seek comment from other cities such as Dundee who, to their regret, desecrated the city to make way for badly-thought-out development.

IT IS A FINE BUILDING WHICH COULD BE USED FOR MANY VIABLE USES MY WIFE AND I CANNOT SEE ANY REASON TO DEMOLISH IT TO MAKE WAY FOR ANOTHER MODERN CONTEMPORARY DESIGNED BUILDING.

The money that cost to build the new concert hall at horsecross if you had used 30% of that money the City Hall could have been redeveloped that would have been a big saving. In fact the money that has been wasted in keeping the city hall wind and water tight over the last few years that could have been used to redevelop it. Why could the city hall still not get used for events and earning some revenue until a new use or current use could be found for it?

The clock in the shopping centre always drew a crowd at the time it was going to

The City Hall is a historic part of Perth, to demolish this is to demolish part of our heritage. This is not how we should be looking at our town, we should be embracing this opportunity to re-vamp our town, by creating a new and exciting mix of the old and new. By keeping part of the building and creating an open area for markets or street cafes/ seating areas, then this allows the best of both worlds and creates a vibrant centre for this dying town. We have no central spot in Perth, to make this the heart of our town then we should all be embracing this and be excited about the prospect of this adventure of change, but with the added benefit of the historic city hall's partial remains. I do not think Perth needs any more retail units, as we cannot fill the ones we already have, take a walk around the city centre - it is sad to see such a vibrant place so depleted. It has to be about Perth - culture, exhibitions, things going on, markets, events, but not retail.

It would be a shame to leave the building empty for much longer as it is now spoiling the area around it, creating dingy sidestreets in an area which is otherwise very attractive, with

distinctive cafes and shops. It would be awful if the continuing delay meant these places lost business. It doesn't seem that the City Hall has such architectural merit that it should be allowed to dominate everything else around it. When we first moved to the area five years ago, this was the bit of Perth city I liked most and it still has great potential. A market would be great, or a small 300-seater venue for visiting bands/dance companies which can't perform at the theatre or Horsecross. Rumours of a car park abound - that would be a tragedy, so I hope they're not true!

Take these questionnaires round schools in Perth. Children could surprise us with their ideas for space and offer insight on what they think is missing from their town centre.

this consultation with the public will do nothing as your minds are already made up, you just have to be seen to be doing it.

The City Hall is an imposing, characterless building which adds nothing to Perth City Centre - even when it was in use it resonated coldness and formality. By its removal, the beautiful and historic St John's Kirk will be returned to its rightful place at the heart of Perth, providing an ideal backdrop for any open, multiuse space. The actions of those involved today will be judged by generations to come. Should we risk redeveloping a useless, difficult building at significant cost, simply because 33 years ago it was classed as a listed building? When the likelihood is, like any shopping centre/arcade, that a high percentage of

I hate to see old buildings torn down, but this monstrosity must go. Although very expensive, it would be nice to see the stone and facade put to good use, elsewhere in the city.

I think it would much enhance the centre of Perth to have an attractive space in form of St John's Church that could be part of the cafe quarter and used for markets, have a stage erected for music events, etc. I feel it would be most cost-effective to demolish it as soon as possible rather than spend money keeping it in a safe state of repair.

The Council appear to spend a considerable amount of money at present on the Hall, just for basic maintenance, demolishing it would free that money for other things. With the large number of unoccupied retail premises currently in the central area of Perth, it does not seem viable to redevelop the Hall as up market retail units. Although it is thought that the area would become a playground for the

Make Perth the place to come to for lots of events. We already have a concert hall, theatre and picture house. It could become somewhere to stay while travelling to many places in Scotland.

There could be different things for people to do based in the center of the Country

I have said for a long time that the City Hall brings nothing to the town centre, and now that we have the excellent facility of the concert hall it makes for even more of a case not to have the City Hall. It is an ugly building, that is surrounded by some very nice restaurants. I think by demolishing the City Hall and clearing a nice open space for cafes etc. could be very nice for the community, and will particularly be appreciated in the Summer months. Restaurants around the City Hall like Sante, Cafe Tabou and Ciao Roma would flourish with a nice open space to attract new customers.

This matter has already been aired. it is a pity we have to go through, and pay, for it to be gone through again. Are none of the other bids which were made before still viable?

Don't demolish it please.

This is a 'landmark building' at the centre of the city and must be redeveloped to enhance the city centre from a tourist and commercial aspect. Out of town supermarkets and retail parks have altered trade and vibrancy in town centres. This is not a problem for the city but an opportunity. There is no point in celebrating 800 years and on that 'birthday' missing an opportunity to reverse the trend of the past 4 decades. DOING NOTHING is not an option. It is up to elected representatives and their officials to make it work.

Generations of Perth citizens have torn down most buildings connected to the long history of the town. There is hardly any place worth showing to visitors. Edinburgh and Stirling have made an effort. Why destroy even more to replace it with a cold and rainy Square, only used by vandals and protest rallies?

It's absurd to knock it down! since all else seems to have failed short term why didn't someone think to open it up as a museum celebrating Perth 800! Short term there are lots of uses... why isn't this considered at the moment??? The GOMA in Glasgow... it looked like it once may have been a city hall... it's a lovely space now.

Why not let the Farmers Market use it for their stalls especially in winter? Also encourage the

Musical festival to use it again. Use it for Scottish country dancing and also let organisations such as the WRI have it for meetings. The lesser City Hall would make a good art gallery and craft shop with cafe for tourists. Alternatively have the tourist office in the building which is a far more central location than the present one.

Demolition of an existing, historic and spacious building with such character to either rebuild or partially reuse the site would be a waste of taxpayers money. Through redevelopment of the building, you could create a wonderful space which could serve many functions to enrich the cultural and economic status of Perth, including a small boutique shopping area to enhance existing shops and encourage small local start-up businesses (arts and crafts, local produce etc.), a café/eating area and arts/entertainment space that could be used for meeting and events by a variety of cultural and charitable groups. Using the site as an outdoor meeting/events space would be pointless in the variable Scottish climate and does not provide the additional facilities (toilets etc. required). It would also not be a strong enough draw to attract people to the centre of Perth as a whole.

With the city building removed, the retail units on the south side would immediately become more desirable, creating an attractive cafe quarter and sociable civic space.

It would be a real loss to the city centre if the city hall was completely demolished, partial demolition would at least retain some history and a landmark of the town

City Hall is a community building and it would be good if it could continue to be used by the community - and for the benefit of the community. Schools, Charities, Nurseries, Clubs, Bands, Choirs, Societies, Antique Fairs, Tea Dances, Bingo Teas, Dog Shows, Art Exhibitions all people and functions that used to be popular in this area - perhaps by allowing the Hall to be rented out at a reasonable cost these can be encouraged again. It would be a good thing for the community to have greater mixing of the generations once more!

This has to be resolved quickly. The City Hall is a potent symbol of the overall decline in Perth's centre. A once landmark building, in a once landmark town which has stagnated for too long. It has little architectural value and a clean sheet of paper is needed, it's demolition is the kind of radical action which could kick start the improvement of Perth's centre.

Having visited many countries particularly in Europe one can't help but notice that most of the major towns and cities have open squares in the middle of town and it is to these areas that the local and visiting public automatically gravitate. If the City Hall was demolished and an open space created with St. John's Kirk as the centre piece, Perth could only benefit. We would have a unique square which would attract development such as high quality shops and cafes and I suggest this would be at little or no cost to the Council as the returns for any company investing in property on the edges of the space would be sufficient for such companies to be encouraged to do so.

To my mind the worst thing that could happen is demolition followed by the another building going up in the space. If demolition becomes inevitable, then there should be a City Square; but I would like to see the building retained if possible.

Question 12 Would click first five options but was unable to do so. Leave the facade of City Hall to look like the Brandenburg Gate with the view of St John's Kirk behind. Really bite the bullet and have a retracting roof to house outdoor events regardless of our Scottish weather. Present -and growing -number of empty shops in the city centre makes consideration of a retail use for the city hall ridiculous!! In addition the approval of two new supermarkets at Scone and the site of the former mart will make further retail developments in the city centre even more unlikely.

I was wondering if the stones from the City Hall could be imaginatively reused in a new design for an attractive space. If some of the materials were re-used, those people with a sentimental attachment to the building might feel better about it. I would hope the skateboarders would be kept away from this space. Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion.

Stop the procrastination. Demolish the City Hall and do it as soon as possible. Make the available space a celebration of the 800 year historical date.

Make these questionnaires count - stop wasting time.

The space created by demolition of the City Hall is too large just for open space, given the limited height of most of the surrounding buildings. There is scope for some new build, though not necessarily on the same footprint as the City Hall. A new public open space in association with a new building would be very useful for outdoor community/cultural activities.

the city hall should not be demolished

I think with some internal build the concert hall could provide a 'different' type of retail outlet, eg Princes Square in Glasgow though not necessarily with the high end retail that it has.

Perhaps part of it could be used as an all weather position for the current markets which take place outside in all kinds of weather. Finally I feel that it is pretty bad that it's been lying empty for so long and that Perth town centre is looking pretty bleak without demolishing a known landmark.

The option of waiting for the economic climate to improve is unrealistic. No practical solution was found for the hall during the redevelopment boom of the early years of the century. The prospects are grim for property development investment for at least the medium term. Open spaces are at a premium in city centres; such a space in the middle of Perth would enhance an already splendid City Centre.

Perth suffered at the high point of the tide at the river Tay. Ferries and the bridge were created 800 years ago. The city developed/river-road-rail- to the west of the heart of the city. Industrial development took place adjacent to the railways. Activity at/or on the river was greatly reduced. Council housing in the areas of Muirton, Moncrieff and Letham took place. Very little development took place east of the river. The population had moved out of the town into the housing estates. Cars became available. Parking in the city became, still is, a problem. St Catherine's retail park was developed (on old railway ground). Shopping habits changed, and is still changing. The western bypass was created. No further development beyond this was the order of the day. Look at what has happened. Dobbies, cattlemarket, Sainsburys? Massive development on the flood plane at Inveralmond and North Muirton. Why do we not develop east of the river? One thing that pleases me is the amount of housing in the city centre is on the increase. Bring the people back into the under developed parts of the city centre. Stimulate the existing business and create new business. Perth is a tourist hot spot. The city, the Inches, Kinnoull Hill, the historic buildings, St John's Kirk plus many others. Bell's Sports Centre, the new Concert Hall. In the open spaces created by demolition? Quality provision could be made for the local population and tourists. L Buick, Wolfhill Road, Guildtown, Perth, PH2 6DL.

Hurry up and get on with it

A substantial well built. Built to last not like the Concert Hall which is unattractive and looks like a Tesco shed. Will it be still there in 100 years? I don't think so, more expense to replace it. Also the expense to knock it down to have nothing.

I was horrified at the thought of demolition but realise it's the way forward. I knew retail would be a no-no as we have too many empty shops. We could use space for events - summer highland dancing for tourists (decent portable stage) bands, majorettes etc. Council to provide tables and awnings. This brings revenue for town. Commandeer piece of property for storage. Tarmacadam the space or we will trip the light 'fantastic' When I saw flagstones laid in our old uneven streets I could have cried. There should be a voluntary committee or lay people - meet monthly for Council to put ideas/plans/thoughts/ for their verdicts.

Would not like City Hall to fall into decay like the St. Paul's Church at top of High Street.

Hall paid its way before! Anyway if it is used creatively it could be a marketing tool for Perth.

Even if it has only at this time limited community use it could still be of use and should not in any of the above (no. 16) circumstances require to be an accountant's dream property. Is a public questionnaire useful in the exercise of deciding what happens to the City Hall? Will we get right answers or will it only confuse? or will we get biased answers from it? Is the questionnaire controversial in that it seems to indicate bias? Surely enough talented people in P & K to market this hall and get it back to a useful role - could the Council not appoint an officer to work with a group of people to accomplish this. What is the Historic Scotland opinion? If they will fight tooth and nail to keep the hall is it worth the fight? Does Perth want to be known nationally as the City that demolished a perfectly good city hall building - when will it be safe in such circumstances to put forward the idea of building another one for a growing population? The donors of the hall initially - what was said by them in the title deeds - the public need to know this. We owe it to these generous citizens.

We do not need any more shops or cafes/restaurants. There are enough empty shops all over town. If the original town planners had wanted a City Square then they should have built the town round one 800 years ago!! Dundee built their City Square first then built the City

Chambers, Caird Hall and Marryat Hall around it. We need more conference space. There are only 3 big hotels within the main part of town (Salutation, Queens and City Mills) with large areas for conferences. Scottish Country dance groups have nowhere to go - the City hall was ideal: plenty floor space - they cannot afford to hire Perth Concert Hall. Successive town Councils have destroyed more of Perth than was done during world war two.

WE do not live in an area of all year hot and sunny weather and we have too many business men and women with a personal axe to grind. I have attended most of the meetings held on the matter and having been shocked at the input of new people to our towns attitude towards our fair city there was a business man who gave the council an alternative solution 5 years ago this was not pushed by our council members I ask why! Our town is a disgrace with empty shops litter, a memorial to our fallen heroes uncared for. I could go on for hours. I am ashamed of our fair town.

An open space could transform Perth into a really attractive tourist destination with huge benefits to businesses in and around the square and in the wider town. A little imagination will work wonders - do not make another shopping centre which will only make Perth another soulless town - there is a really good opportunity here to revitalise Perth.

Would like to see an open space with public seating and one or two small cafes/coffee shops like St Andrew's square in Edinburgh would enhance setting of St. John's Kirk

I do not like to think of the City Hall being demolished. I have many pleasant memories of attending different shows and markets (crafts etc) But is it feasible to try and plan any future use when the Concert Hall is there? It is a difficult decision and you can't please everyone anytime but wishing you best of luck in any plans you can make.

Lack of future planning by

The City Hall is a lovely building which should be kept. Most other countries do not destroy the history of a City but keep buildings to add to the interest of the area for tourists and the local community. Perth is becoming a run down city which is untidy and rubbish buildings being erected and generally destroying the city as it was. Awful shops bar a few . cafes charity shops hairdressers and pubs . It is such a shame to see what has been done over the years. I will await with interest to see the next unsightly mess.

Dear Sir Once you have brought the bulldozers in you are left with nothing. The litter louts chewing gum disposers its right up their street. You had young architects up from Dundee a few years ago with planning ideas. It's all down to money and if some young ideas were brought in Perth would again be proud of its City Hall. Yours MY PS In central Perth there are more buildings in need of demolition than the City Hall.

Landscaped with flowbeds, seating etc as a relaxing area for visitors and shoppers. It must be well maintained and managed.

If the City Hall is demolished the vacant area should be landscaped as a focal point and must be well maintained and managed

city centre requires an open space which can be used by fathers/children when mother is shopping. Nearest open space is the Inches and that is too far. City Centre is too built up and nothing to attract families into it during the daytime economy. It can be used for events, markets or anything that will attract families into the city centre.

The City Hall has been used for various events over the years. There is an argument to have some sort of plan to allow local clubs hold events to raise funds for their funds.

Don't demolish City Hall, there is plenty outdoor open space in and around Perth, the building adds culture.

I do not think City Hall should be demolished as i have attended a lot of enjoyable events in the building. Concerts Exhibitions Festival of music and dance many years ago Country dancing with girl Guides.

It has been unoccupied for so long with too much huffing and puffing about its use, please come to a speedy decision.

More car park spaces and more shops.

We already have enough empty shops. Let us have proper market traders rather than over priced so called

For those who smoke there seems to be no complaint to the cost of this pleasure, if the Council is prepared to negotiate for public use the reopening of the City Hall, why should the public not be asked to pay a reasonable entrance fee for something that it will enjoy. The City Hall

commands a central advantage to surrounding businesses, considering it is the gateway to the Highlands the opportunity awaits for its use to generate further interests and projects in surrounding tourism, with the possibility of forming a Heritage Centre. Possible Use The central display of it eight hundred years history of records for the public to see with its close association to the Fair Maids House, and surrounding area. At Present (on display between library and museum) Its historical documents are too much scattered discouraging public interest. A loss between the local library and the museum. Central display offers the opportunity of charging a reasonable entrance fee. Alistair Peddie

The delay as far has been very costly, expensive which will continue as long as we put off action, All this expenditure could be re-directed now, providing jobs. By the time it's ready for action, the economy may have improved. The open-air markets could perhaps move inside the new building in inclement weathers, other open-air events.

I think Perth should have a tenpin bowling alley. It would give the youngsters something to do. What is wrong with the demolishing of the 'new' concert hall and return to the centre of town. As Perth celebrates 800 years of history surely there is a place for the City Hall in today's world. Perth does not need more shops. Perhaps it would be a cultural centre on a heritage centre where local people and visitors alike could visit and see something of Perth's proud history.

Knock it down.

Before the Concert Hall was built, the City Hall was well used. There were antique fairs - book sales, dances, school prize givings, concerts etc. What is wrong with still using it for some of these events. It was no problem in the past, so why now. Would the demolition make it easier for the Council so as they don't have to do much work?

For once could a decision be made by the Council to bring this matter to a speedy conclusion. Previous delays are not acceptable would Councillors just implement peoples wishes.

What about Woolworths! If anyone does pay attention to the comments you will get.

In the current economic climate, it would be prudent to delay to the very last option of demolition. The church is in crises. It would be absurd to think of churches being demolished. Unless the building is structurally faulty, then there is no need for demolition. Significantly, it has a category B listing. As we all know, it is Perth Concert Hall that has brought about this problem.

Put a bomb on the babies/cherubs!

The Tourist Board Office should be housed in it - much more central than where it is. Several privately (individual) owned shops could be incorporated - no coffee shops. If space allows, the local flower shows, book sales (2nd hand) young farmers produce show etc could be held during the year. Outside there could be the farmer's market and any other outdoor activities. All this has to be made attractive to draw the people to Perth. At the moment it is losing out all the time. If something is not done soon Perth will be known as The Ghost Town.

If the City Hall is demolished I believe the space could be a feature on par with similar areas such as in Brugge, Prague, Barcelona and Ypres.

Many town and cities have demolished old beautiful buildings, the replacements if any, are often soulless, with the kind of weather we have in Scotland an open public space with perhaps tables etc well it would be rather draughty.

The length of time the City Hall has lain Empty - this has lost substantial revenue and cost for council re up-keep Hire of concert hall for smaller events not viable e.g. SWRI Shows etc

Demolish the City Hall and move on

In the bigger picture this is why the Concert Hall was constructed to replace the old hall which requires huge sums to upgrade but most of all the acoustics are awful. Demolish the blasted thing, make a decision for once in the life of P&KC.

I would like to see the front of the city hall kept as an entrance giving you a view of St John's Kirk

I think it would be sad to see it go. It is a lovely building and Perth would be the loser if it was demolished. I am sure it could be used for groups or functions that cannot afford to pay for the Concert Hall. I would be happy if the Lesser City Hall were demolished and that would open out St. John's Kirk, but not the main City Hall - please do not demolish it and leave St. Paul's Church standing. That would be awful. I go to the Geographical Meetings and I am sure they

would be happy to use the City Hall - it would be cheaper than the concert Hall.

Perth does not need an identikit 'giant patio' that can be found anywhere. Those businesses who wish to demolish the City Hall are only interested in making their own businesses more visible to passing customers. They are not talking for all businesses in Perth and they certainly do not have the best interests of Perth citizens at heart. The Council is elected to look after the best interests of all Perth citizens and demolition does not fulfil this obligation.

I don't suppose any of my comments will come as new and I will be very surprised if any notice is taken of them at all. I would think that the decision has been made already and this is just going through the motions! Prove me wrong please.

Let the council act responsible. Open the City Hall for conference, put the musical festival back into it. Plus other things.

I saw the pictures of part demolishing the concert hall and I thought it looked really smart. The council would do well to remember it is not their money to spend. It is my money and that of other rate payers in the town, and should be used responsibly. Some examples of how money is wasted are :- (1) Cittaslow - not necessary - few people have heard of it - even fewer understand it (2) Twining - few benefits from this except to council members on away trips (3) Perth 800 - of little interest to most people in Perth why 800 - why not 799 or 801? irrelevant waste of money One good thing - Summer floral displays

Old folk(like myself) will want to keep it. Do something for the young of Perth. Last time I was in Nottingham there was great activity in front of the council house. I remember it as a big empty space now an unusual fountain/water feature. A silver band playing a guy on stilts entertaining and a few arty/crafty stalls. And lots and lots of people enjoying themselves.

It's important that PKC make every effort to consult with all age groups and this consultation is not focused on the opinions of those that it affects most or that has sentimental/financial value to (as has happened in the past). How are PKC consulting within the schools? Are you actually making the effort to go out there and talk to all people of Perth & Kinross? The site of the City Hall would be ideal for events similar to what is held within George Square, Glasgow or Princes St Gardens, Edinburgh. I think Perth & Kinross Council needs to really take a good hard look at the town centre of Perth and make a swift decision on the future of the City Hall for the benefit of the Perth economy.

Put the Tourist Office in the foyer of the City Hall. It's too far out of the way where it is at the moment.

We have wasted so much time and money on this subject over the last few years. Yes it is a lovely building but it is unused and no doubt costing a fortune to maintain. Let's bite the bullet and get rid and put a nice Piazza in its place and perhaps get more cafes and markets.

Please demolish a.s.a.p. and terminate cost to council tax payers.

Yes - tighten your belts. Stop wasting money on Cittaslow, Perth 800 and city status and get rid of the spare staff in Pullar House - who are working at a snail's pace - it is like watching people in slow motion when you go in there. All Councillors should watch their expenses. In my opinion you are not much better than MPs - sorry to be so cynical - but ?? has made me feel this way. This form is very poor. Why did you change the order of the options when explaining them to the order they are in in Q 7a. Need I say more.

Whatever you do it needs to be done quickly or we will have another St Pauls Church on our hands. I just think we need a reason to go into the town other than poor shopping experiences such as Debenhams, BHS and mobile phone shops. Take a trip to Aberdeen city centre around Belmont St/ Union Square or Glasgow's West End its those types of stores and shopping experience Perth needs to attract. More like George street or St Johns street stores and less of Scott Street and the South Street. Thanks

Too many historic buildings are being demolished, there will be not be many historical buildings left for tourists to come and visit. If there is no history and no decent shops what is there left for Perth?

Get going and do something

It would be a shame to see the City Hall knocked down. I am doing a local history project of Perth & the City Hall is one of my topics and to think that the History of the City Hall will be lost forever if the Council want to knock it down.

Do not allow the City Hall to decay like St. Pauls Church

Since the City Hall has been empty, it could have still been used for antique fair flower shows the dancing classes and many more organisations. It is very much the Council's fault, that the building is still empty when the sides were passed first time for building to start the contract should have been cancelled. We are trying to get city status for Perth, so the city hall should be kept. Perth still is a town so why is it called the city of Perth now? Very misleading, again very much the fault of Perth Council. There are many uses for the future for the city hall e.g. the tourist office move to a more central location Perhaps some parts of council office departments. units for offices. Money has been wasted by the council which could have gone to wards refurbishment look at the cost to the council tax payers already!! now is the change for Perth council to put things right again save our city hall for the future as a building where it can never be replaced, hardly any old buildings left in the town

I would ask the Council - please, please, if it is demolished don't let the space left be used for car parking

If planning permission was thought today for the city hall as it stands on that site it would be refused point blank the building is a total eye sore and an affront to the history of Perth. It should be demolished and the place put back to what it once was a medieval market square and open up the views in St John's Kirk

To Summarise; The Hall has been unused for 5 years, give it another 5 years in the hope that the economy will improve and aim to redevelop for retail/food as previously for seen. Do not proceed with the proposal to redevelop the Woolworths and adjoining area for retail until the city hall issue has been resolved.

I cannot believe the council has let itself get into this position. It is not the only planning/development/redevelopment issue in recent times which seems to have come about - the incinerator springs to mind! Incompetence is the word which comes to mind.

I personally consider the partial demolition the best option

REASONS The possibility of retaining the frontage as an entrance to an open space, also in this day and age I wonder about the possibility of much of the stonework being recycled into any new

Please, please look after Perth city hall and don't let it be demolished!!

The city hall could be used for conferences, also Scottish country dances during the summer season for tourists and local people. The kitchen could be put into the lesser city hall. If the city hall has to be demolished Please keep the frontage with the cherubs

Why do they have to demolish, surely they can do something to it.

Demolition would provide a fantastic opportunity to create an attractive space adjacent to St John's Kirk on which occasional markets, events exhibitions etc could be held. Some of these have already proved their viability despite having to be held in unsatisfactory sites. It could give a real focus to the city centre and is the kind of public project that would help raise morale in a time of economic downturn, encourage further regeneration and support businesses in the immediate area.

Make the City Hall into a conference centre and leave the bowling rinks for bowling. a number of years ago the bowlers paid an extra £3 for a wooden floor. Then we have conferences which include many activities on a floor about the bowling rinks which can't be good for the rinks over the years there has been a decline in the membership but if you count the number of days people can't bowl. The members are tired of all the interference on three occasions this season I went down for a practice but I was unable to do so for a number of reasons a questionnaire to lapsed members may give you some answers also when bowling is canceled at short notice we are notified only a notice on the board if you happen to be in the arena

This is a great opportunity for Perth to have an open space in the city centre which potentially has a variety of uses which would benefit the city and its inhabitants and visitors alike but also serves to put St John's Kirk in its proper setting. It should not be missed, and in these hard economic times, makes more sense than another shopping centre which can't fill all its units.

Be bold!

I think that it sends a great message to the authorities that, as our Council pushes towards recognition as a city, it is, of course, of has been, been an despoiling its listed city hall as someone who has lived in the town centre, 2 know of it functions are on their doorways, stairs are used as toilets and later can be very noisy. as regards sentiment of course there is but as a magnificent

building of its life will never be built again, I can't see why it must be destroyed, as about 3/4 of the Council live outside Perth² understand why their feelings are different, being some what cynical, their interests are for their pals whose farm produce a meats etc. Can be said at no cost to themselves. In fact I believe they are subsidised!!! Regarding the costs of maintaining the city hall, I would put it in proportion, against the total subsidies paid to the theatre & concert hall by government and publish the annual losses then people would have a better idea where their money is going. We are not involved with too many impressive buildings but the City Hall is one of a kind, destroyed & it will vanish into history by a Town Council who I'm sure only have the public

Travel to any town or city in UK and Europe, the City Hall is the focal point. It is respected and kept in good condition. As someone who has always stayed in Perth, I can't believe that demolition of such a fine old building is even being considered. Sure, it needs renovated so that use can be made out of it. I am also aware that currently, money is tight and possibly not fully available at the moment. Here we are celebrating Perth's 800 year in existence and here we are considering obliterating what should be the centrepiece of the city.

The City Hall should be demolished and a well designed public open space formed in its place. This area should be suitable for meetings, musical events, markets and general public leisure activity and promoted and marketed as such. The removal of the hall will reveal the St Johns Church in all its glory. This is after all the jewel in the crown of Perth. Should the decision be taken to retain the hall, it should be used to host cultural events of interest to the public. Many events like the annual flower show have had to move out of the centre of Perth as the only other venue (the Concert Hall) is too expensive for local amateur organisations. In this case these events should be subsidised if necessary by the public purse as they are of benefit to the people of Perth as a whole.

Perth has a great new concert hall which was built to replace the city halls. Empty shops are lying all over the centre of Perth and look unattractive so trying to use the existing space for retail will only worsen this problem. An open space would offer an attractive space similar to George Square in Glasgow, Caird Hall area of Dundee etc with a variety of uses which would cost less to maintain than the existing building or any replacement.

I think that the City Hall is an attractive building in the centre of town. There is no need for it to be demolished. If the space was to become

I think the City hall is important to a lot of people who live and come from Perth. I think it should possibly be used as an outdoor space like Dundee has outside the overgate as this is one of the things Perth lacks.

As per earlier suggestion. I have had similar discussions with local residents who all say the same. Perth is an attractive city, but lacks a centre and sense of a community, no sense of a hustle or bustle about it, of any real feeling of trade within the town. And all who have been spoken to agree that a quality indoor market, inside the facade of the town hall, selling a wide range of goods would bring back a positive community atmosphere to the town, something it seriously lacks. It is notable when shopping in supermarkets how very 'mind-numbing' this 'chore' has become. Shopping is no longer an enjoyable activity, just another necessity.

Something lost from a previous generation. I believe some research by one or two members of the council around how other cities and towns have made use of their town/city halls would be useful and Durham would most definitely be a good starting point.

Further hesitancy only serves to demoralise other city centre businesses.

The last thing Perth needs is more bottom end retailing.....

The City hall and what re-development takes place is everyone's opinion. The scope for engaging and consulting the community has to be wide spread in order to get a collective and fair result. I hope the council do their best to reach people, especially those in isolated communities and outwith the St John's area because this affects everyone. Also I hope they use a range of methods which target a fair balance between ages.

I feel the Council have let all the voters down by their lack of action. To let this drag on for so long is disgraceful. Why not turn it over to a firm who know what they are doing instead of leaving it to a bunch of head scratching numpties (E.g. the P&K.D.C) Obviously the previous firm (Wharfside?) were picked out of a hat.

I think it would be great to return the space to be used for markets as it keeps us in touch with the heritage of the area. Also it would encourage more people to make and grow their own

goods and produce if we had more regular markets. It would be brilliant to have an open space with some nice trees, seats, cafes, etc. Even in really cold cities such as Prague, this works well. It would encourage events and activities which would bring people in Perth together.

For gods Sake please don't lose City Hall. Its a recognise landmark

Perth has kept its heart because it does not have a large shopping centre and therefore the whole of the town centre is used. Unlike Stirling which only has a shopping centre (you could be anywhere) any the rest of the town is unused. I feel it would pull the town together if there was a centre with a fountain and flowers etc. A natural gathering place. We have just returned from visiting quite a few cities and this was very much in evidence there. I do like the City Hall with its wonderful stonework and it has historically been very much part of Perth so if we created a fountain perhaps it could incorporate some of the stone.

Retain city hall and arrange of ace inside to be used for local drama, Operatic, musical etc groups today on entertainment of the smaller variety, in the afternoon, which would not cost no much as the concert hall, and would enable people to attend using public transport there and home again. Also space allocated to all local groups to show (and sell) their crafts, with the possibility of a room made available for teaching purposes, social crafts in damage of dying out can be passed on. Also space made available for a cafe. Any rents or leases

Get your finger out on it will bring it back to its mark

The council should use this opportunity to do something different from other cities and towns in the area. Don't let any chain stores open there (NO GREGGS!!) but use the space to encourage local independent enterprise, be it shops/cafes/art or cultural space. Let's make Perth stand out from Dundee/Stirling etc and offer something other than the same old high street shops which we already have enough of. I am very pleased that the council have taken the opportunity to ask Perth residents what they would like to do with the space.

No action is unacceptable. This is a chance to regenerate the town centre. Procrastination is not an option. Decisive action is needed now with firm leadership from the Council.

Have a look at the great European cities and ask yourselves how Perth stacks up? Have a bit of imagination! We need a good vibrant communal open space in the centre of the town. Build on the good work done in St John's Street and create a great city square. And if the cherubs have to be saved, stick them on the front of the Council Chambers!

Lunch clubs for elderly. Nurseries for working parents, chess clubs etc for school holidays, or similar all year for adults.

I have noticed that the majority of persons wanting the city hall demolished either do not live in Perth or have a business or financial reasons. The Council decide on things like building a concert hall without a consultation with the tax payers eg, the Shore Road incinerator. This is supposed to be a democracy, or have the Council got to the stage when they can act like MP's. We the people who pay are the only ones who should decide!

The fact that Brennans have been granted a night club licence wouldn't be a good thing for the businesses in John Street - if the city hall were to be demolished. Also, so near to St John's Kirk!! I cannot believe you want to knock down the city hall as it is a listed 'B' building and yet you want some listed buildings at the Horn Farm!! retained.

With Perth's eight hundred years being celebrated this year we badly need a central spot for gathering. With the farmers market and the French market on King Edward being so popular it shows that that area is a focus on central Perth.

Although I feel that the hall should be demolished, if this was not to happen I feel it should be turned into a heritage centre, as too much of Perth's history has been allowed to disappear.

Get a move on and get the building into reuse. It would have been better if you had revamped it instead of building a new theatre which is so out of place amongst the old buildings. I've been told by a friend that the centre should be demolished and rebuilt, as they say the centre is ugly looking.

The decisive action soon for the benefit of Perth, not Perth & Kinross Council or businesses I have visited several cities in my time both in Scotland and England - and Wales for that matter. All have had major redevelopment of an area within the city centre or close by and all have opened up the space to include areas of relaxation and attraction. The latter being, where big enough, to build additional cultural attractions and/or meeting-conference areas. The City Hall area, if cleared, would enhance St John's Kirk even more and provide, in my view, a much needed 'open' space where trees, flower beds and grassed areas could be planted.

If the City Hall (or part thereof) was to be used for an Art Gallery, this would fill up space at the Museumn for the permanent display of the long boat discovered at Newburgh. At present there is nowhere big enough in Perth to display it properly.

Transfer all events from that unsightly concert hall to the city hall. That concert hall should not have been built right beside historical buildings. Whose daft idea was it anyway to build it at the Horsecross.

It's a beautiful building which should not be demolished as its part of our heritage. Should be used for appropriate functions to bring in revenue.

To much time has been wasted and it is time to move on. It would be nice to re-use the churbs in same way.

Full demolition and re-development for open space. There has been enough time wasted already.

I presume the personnel who want the city hall demolished are either English or incomers to the town and have no knowledge of the history of Perth. You're obviously trying to make Perth a modern town which isn't working as you have more empty shops/buildings and feeding how wonderful the concert hall is - how come you didn't invest so much time and money in the events you have in the concert hall to bringing people to events in the city hall? Maybe you should ensure Perth is kept clean, tidy and welcoming to visitos instead of focusing on what you think is an asset to Perth - your glass building you call a concert hall.

Let's make Perth the Fair City again.

You have waited too long already, get on with it.

The Council need to be proactive and create something that will have a positive impact on the future of Perth. Having looked at the various options on display, i believe an open space with a partial cover similar to Hay's Galleria in London would allow the space to be used for a variety of events, markets and cultural activities whilst maintaining a space for the public to meet. The image I have is similar to Piassa Navone, Rome with a focal point fountain which could possibly use one or two of the cherubs from the existing building and the surrounding space hosting cultural events, the successful markets and other presentations that would be useful to promote the City.

The council should start lising to the people of perth what we want in perth. The concill 4get the we voted the in we can vote them back out again.

Previous to the closure, weddings used it for receptions - country dancing in the summer. Bill Wilkies concerts were packed to the door. There was at least one big band came and was packed out. The Police christmas dance was held each year in the hall (I should have said police ball). The antique dealers came regularly. There were big concerts. The churches have used the hall. The floor was exceptionally fine and, if still, Saturday night dancing would take the youngsters off the street. The tourist board could be relocated to where people could find it easily. There are enough shops and St John's has an air of its own.

It would be a sin, a criminal act demolishing our very fine building. Should any choice be taken I opt for - not complete demolition so that the remaining hall with other facilities could be and would be successrully transformed into a much used building for all kinds of cultural activities. To have young business people come into a town and suggest that the city hall should be demolished, to gain selfishly for their own opinions and plans - a square. Their brains must have an emptiness which images their blank wish.

I think that if the city hall is sublet to various groups and they pay a small fee this in turn should eventually pay for itself.

Stop wasting time and tax payers money just get on with it. Get a crop of new Council mangers as the ones uve have at the moment are useless only out for themselves. This has gone enough who is getting the back lander on this

Very disappointed in how this survey is so heavily trying to get people of Perth to have the city hall demolished. Far too many vacant empty shops that are great eyesores, a dreadful impression of the town over many, many years now. How can we possibly expect visitors to come and enjoy our city centre for the 800 year celebrations? The former Bells now demolished after Bank of Scotland left and what was initially a part of the original Cherrybank Gardens is totally overgrown and a dreadful impression for local residents and any visitors coming to the area. Have lived in Perth now for 32 years and am totally shocked at how 'down' the city has become.

This survey and its questions are heavily biased towards demolition of the city hall * It gives a very strong suggestion that, no matter what responses are received, the matter has already been decided on by the Council *1. Question 7a 3 of 5 options are for demolition 2. Question 9+10 should have opted out for those who do not wish to see the city hall demolished A survey which is genuinely seeking open and honest opinion should be designed appropriately and do not slant to one side or the other

As Perth now has an excellent concert hall I think this is an opportunity for the space in front of St John's Kirk to be restored to something of what it was historically. Also it would give Perth a central square as so many continental cities have and as Glasgow has with George Square.

Ref 7a - I would like the city hall re-used but wait for economic climate to improve.

Too much time and money has been wasted - a decision should be come to as soon as possible.

Please can the seating which was removed from the St Johns shopping centre be re-instated! Apart from my ice rink suggestion I have one other suggestion - have Grouse - Dewars - Bells whisky to invest in the building and use it to promote their brands and the beauty of Perthshire. Perth is losing its unique identity. A public space which opens up the Kirk as a focal point with some innovative use of the space in front will address this.

I'm 44 years of age, the City Hall holds no sentimental value to my generation, the building is ugly and I fully support an open space opening up views towards the historic Kirk.

I see the frontage preserved (minus these awful cherubs) and an open-sided, roofed area built on which could accommodate cultural activities, meetings and markets. Much in the style of some spaces one sees in older English market towns. They have served the community for centuries so they must have something right going for them!

I feel that the City Hall should be kept and upgraded in a basic way e.g. new and improved kitchens and then used for public and private functions. The 'marketing' should be to find out which local organisations would wish to use it and how often. I also feel that, even with the City Hall remaining, there could be a great improvement in the appearance of the whole area around it. The development of the pavement cafes in recent years is commendable but they would benefit from upgrading of the area around them. Do we really need parking in the area between the City Hall and St. John's Kirk? What about clearing it and putting in some greenery (trees, planters, hanging baskets), a fountain or other central focus and some nice seating. I'd make the street between the pavement cafes and the City Hall accessible only to emergency vehicles. Grasscrete could then be laid and the area made to look pleasant and relaxing.

Just a thought!!

Partial demolition beyond the first 30/40 ft from the front would allow for a stage to be built within the portion left together with dressing rooms/ artists toilet facilities etc. open air concerts could then be held during in particular, the summer months. This would allow greater space for a City Square in which larger Markets, both Farmers and Craft, could be held. It would also create an area where the businesses around the square would be more visible and benefit greatly from the extra footfall that is likely.

The space should be used for a mixture of purposes that local people and visitors can enjoy. That Perth can be a 'must go & see' place. With markets, events (cultural or otherwise) and the like should encourage more people to spend their time there and therefore benefit the economy..

I think I have made all my various comments above.

I am voting for a change and to have our City Centre look more like European Cities. With the added attraction of sheep.

Perth is an excellent town (or hopefully a city) and improvements should certainly be ongoing. The Bridgend entrance to the town is also badly in need of care and attention as it currently does not give a good first impression of Perth to visitors.

the city hall saga has been dragging on for too long something has to be done now a decision has to be made doing nothing is not an option bite the bullet knock it down and open the square up.

The Council must make a decision one way or the other this time.

it would be very expensive to demolish the City Hall and create an attractive open space. An open space for the purpose of markets and fairs is a very bleak place when not actually in use. Although a park area with trees would look lovely, it would not add to the amenities of the town.

At the moment it is hard to direct tourists to anything other than shopping areas; a heritage centre would make one more place of interest in the town. It would complement the facilities we already have eg Fergusson Gallery and Art Gallery. Combined with good leisure facilities (eg swimming, skating, cinema etc)and cultural activities (concert hall and theatre), the heritage centre would provide one more reason for tourists to stay in the city centre where perhaps they might be tempted into the shops. Hopefully such a venture might attract lottery funding and some of the staffing could be volunteers.

Perth is crying out for a central civic space. The question should also be asked Set yourself a realistic deadline and make a decision off the back of it. Do something, not nothing.

The City Hall has had its day - it is outdated, unwieldy and a waste of a good space. I think it should be demolished, when the economic climate allows the council to consider this viable. After it is demolished, there will be plenty of time to decide what to do with the space. the two decisions do not need to be made together.

What ever you do, do it sooner than later. This has farse has gone on to long now.

Suggestion.....Pull the finger out.

I think by turning the city hall into a retail shopping centre will not only keep the people of perth spending money locally, but will also attract more outsiders, as everyone at the moment knows that there is no point shopping in perth due to the lack of decent shops!!

Perth City Hall is an exceptionally ugly building which should never have been allowed in the first place. It has destroyed the view and accessibility of St John's Kirk for too many years.

Regardless of the current economic climate it should be demolished but the public need to know more about how the space could be used to compliment plans for the rest of the city. Perth is no longer appealing and I'm sure more could be done make it a more attractive and viable retail centre, within the structures that already exist.

If the city hall is or is partially demolished then i fear there will be an uproar within the community and i ask you,

The council should not allow the new waste disposal plant in the city even if it means we have to pay the compensation. The council should also stop lorries using the hill from the edinburgh road to access the shore road. All lorries should have to go along by the inch to access the shore.

Most European cities, towns and villages have areas for all sorts of events, for markets open air theatre social events etc why shouldn't we instead of cramming it all into King Edward street. the city hall has a historical part within perth even if it is not that old compared to other buildings in or around perth but still should be given the same treatment as a listed building and could or should be re used for other things it would be a shame and a sad day to see it being torn down for no reason

I have worked within the city hall during political conferences and other events. It is not user friendly and would require a great deal of money to operate. In the current economic climat finding £7million for demolition would be a non starter. If demolition went out to tender and a much lower sum was quoted it would be worth considering. The Council should not continue to fund the hall if a future use could be found eg art centre or whatever. We need to bring Perth to life with a new heart and showing off the iconic St Johns Kirk.

1) Complete refurbishment if they wish to retain as a viable concern, shops etc. 2) On complete demolition of said building and conert part or all of space for disabled parking only. This would free up all the other parking spaces in the town. John Edward Apt 313 Knights Court 1 North William Street Perth PH1 5NB

An open space could be used for many varied things - market, celebrations - Christmas/Easter etc.

use as dance and w.r.i. and flower shows etc.

This has been very badly handled by the Council. A decision on the future use of the site should be taken immediately.

Horse Cross is root of lack of investment in the City Halls. Woolly thinking left us with no plan. Keep the City Halls at the centre of the cultural life of Perth as they should have always been. It would be a shame to knock such a big building down when all that would need done is some careful planning of the inside and it could be used for a number of diiferent community based ventures.

There appears to be a lack of leadership in the council. The members are more interested in scoring points against each other and would turn out to the opening of an envelope for a photo opportunity.

City Hall is costing us the tax payers too much. The longer it sits there it will go the way of St Pauls Church - it already is an eyesore.

You should have done something a lot sooner if you agree to some company taking over. The City Hall give them a time limit of no more than a year and make them pay for the upkeep of the City Hall in the meantime.

I have known the City of Perth for over fifty years, over the past twenty years the city has lost its identity. Having said this, it still has a heart which is the old St John's Kirk which has been the prior and focus of Perth for nearly 900 years. The demolition of the City Hall and the careful development of an open space, which will allow the people to slow down and enjoy the city, with the old kirk at the heart of the city. The demolition of the City Hall would just be the start of a Gentle Resuscitation process. Eventually giving the city back its identity.

I quote Dinis Munro, our former distinguished Town Planner.

It would be nice to create a green space in the centre of the city. It would be nice to have a more spacious setting for the farmers markets.

To date all efforts to reuse the city hall have failed - it is passed its sell by date. There are several (many) unlet premises in the city centre not to mention St Catherine's Retail Park which is rapidly becoming an eye sore and the white elephant which replaced Caithness Glass (One unit has at long last been let but not, I suspect, on what would be regarded as a commercial basis.) Perth does not need a revamp of the city hall - here is a once in a lifetime opportunity to open up the city centre - the Woolworth building should also be demolished. I urge the power that be to grasp this nettle and stop pussyfooting around.

I should suggest that our Councillors and salaried executives take a good long walk around the town with eyes wide open, particularly St. Methven St. which is a disgrace, the St John's Centre, Canal St. the High St. and ask themselves why so many properties are empty - eg rates, rents. And are they happy to leave the situation as such or are they interested and willing enough to return Perth to the vibrant, tourist destination it once was.

In my responses I have indicated my preference for the retention of the city hall for cultural events. It is not

This has been allowed to drag on for too long already. A decision should be made now otherwise the building risks degenerating into an expensive eyesore.

Although a beautiful building there is no use if it is not getting used. If demolished could be used for music events and children's events and just for enjoying. Maybe a canopy over the space simply because we don't always get good weather. Not really any point in using it for retail as we have enough empty shops in Perth.

The city hall is a lovely building. I spent many a Saturday night at dances in the city hall 40 odd years ago but times change and we now need something to bring in tourists so they will come back. Also entertainment ie bands, dancing, majorettes etc.

I think I have made my feelings clear but let me summarise. 1) Let the city hall be preserved. 2) No more shops as there are already lots of empty premises - do we want more vacant lots. No. 3) Is it possible for once, some imagination and foresight could be employed as other countries and cities manage so well to do. 4) the fact that the beautiful old buildings are a magnet for tourists to European countries should be a lesson to us here. Let us learn before it is too late.

Do not knock down another building to replace with general rubbish and concrete!

The sooner the demolition begins and the space cleared to show the glory and splendour of St John's Kirk the better. Thank you for the opportunity to state my case.

Why pull down the grade listed building? Only applies when it suits. I believe in change - but it isn't always for the best. This certainly would not be for the best. The second shop (like the one in Kirkcaldy) - which has everything in it - (Brilliant) How many buildings do the Perth and Kinross Council need. What about the buildings been left by Perth and Kinross Council? What happens to these? Who has the say to all these buildings. Usually fight for legally abolishing grade listed buildings. How can this happen to the city hall. It will be standing a lot longer than any new building put in its place. If you got a shop - like the rejects shop in Kirkcaldy - and allow a circular market - stalls around the city hall and gain rates from the stalls - this would

compensate toward any rates for the city hall. This would also help people take on small businesses.

Please think before doing wrong.

My wife and I both prefer to travel to Dundee, Broughty Ferry and Stirling for other than supermarket shopping.

Please do something with it. Its empty and depressing.

The city hall is an ugly building obscuring the church. It is past its sell by date and should be demolished to encourage people to come and use an attractive central square. This would also attract more cafes and similar to use the empty properties on the periphery of the area.

Demolish the city hall, it is not an attractive building and perhaps the stone could be put to some useful purpose. Someone might want to buy the ugly cherubs on the front.

This building is far too good to be demolished. It would be a disgrace to build something plastic and breeze block in its place as modern buildings have no character.

Our councillors are elected to make decisions. We have already been consulted on the city hall (the public). It seems to be another delaying tactic having another consultation. Perth Council should make a decision once and for all so that the city hall does not go the same way as St Pauls Church.

Trees with few shrubs water fountain at end attractive paving a few seats space for musical events/meeting/markets festive lighting completely pedestrianised.

There are lots of open spaces in Perth ...the beautiful parklands of the Inches for markets and events...use what we have instead of trying to change us into a windy city where the wind howls through the open plazas. Our climate needs enclosed community spaces for the rainy days and we can use the parks more for events, if we want more events.

St Johns Kirk is the jewel of the city centre, completely sidelined at the moment and it is unique. Make the most of it by creating space around it so it can be seen to best advantage.

See question 10.

Young people who are under the influence of drugs and drink can be looked after and counselled.

The whole ambiance and attractiveness of Perth centre would be greatly improved by the demolition and creation of a simple landscaped urban open space. This would enhance the attraction of the buildings around the square. It should be called 'middle inch' completing the north and south.

Leave the city hall as it stands. But upgrade the kitchen. It was my life and entertainment that included dancing, music festivals and wrestling and, concerts (1950's to 1960's). It is a far superior hall to the so called concert hall in Mill Street.

Perth has a unique site at the gateway to Highlands. It's heritage should be catalogued - use the city hall. No/more shops? The existing shops can't pay rates as it is. Knocking down the city hall is cheap option and gives money to builders redeveloping the site (usually not from Perth) . Give Perth back some identity and pride. Tourism - there is nothing else left - develop along these lines. Clean up the city and give it back some pride. Put tourism, exhibitions and heritage and culture in city hall with cafe facilities. Make it the tourist centre. Scrap the other one its a geographical joke. NB Dunkeld Road for instance is two miles of cars slaes. Entrance from A9 looks like a scrap yard. What a turn off! The motor trade is finished anyway.

I feel that the decision what to do (or not) with the City Hall has been going on for too long. The city hall has no use, no value, is not attractive and the space could be used better. Please demolish it!

My 'Yes' to question 16, relates to the residual cultural space after a partial demolition.

An attractive central City Square is what is required. Most European cities follow this model, even if many British ones do not, for reasons known only to themselves. Let Perth not follow them, and act uniquely to provide residents and visitors the opportunity to say -

Please can P&K Council break the mould of city councils the country over and put the well-being and quality of life of the council tax payers before economic considerations? Every European city has a grand square and this helps to make visiting these cities a more positive and high quality experience. Perth is already replete with empty shops. How much louder a message is needed before the city centre is used to improve quality of life rather than flogging the same old dead, retail horse?

I am a young person from the YMCA perth and would like to see the city hall up and running again

Something should be done quickly, enough time has been wasted.

Perth used to be charming, with lots of little independent shops and businesses. Now most of the more different shops are gone, to be replaced by 'High Street' shops, more phone shops than can be used, bakers, hairdressers, building societies and betting shops. Dangerous paving, slippery tiles in the boring St Johns centre, dirty cafes, (look at the wheelie bin bay at the entrance to City Buffet. Dirty rancid liquid oozes onto the pavement). The smell is awful. Rather than trying to redevelop the city hall, wouldn't it be better to sort our existing problems, thus making Perth an attractive place for new ventures to be considered by outside investors. The rates for small shops are prohibitive. I was told by one shop keeper over Christmas that it cost £151,000 for 7 weeks to rent retail space. This is a ridiculous amount of money to be charged. This is Perth, not Edinburgh or London. A few years ago, a small shop, who boiled a kettle twice a day, or used the loo a couple of times a day, were charged the same water rates as the hairdressers across the road, who used gallons daily. How can small shops survive? Please be fair and make Perth a place where it's an experience to shop.

Certainly Perth needs to be revitalised and spending money on demolition of a very attractive building is in my opinion not the way forward. I would like to see businesses encouraged into Perth. Interesting shops and more tourism being encouraged. One thing I would recommend for Perth City Centre is looking at the parking issue. Why is it not possible for people to pay for parking on exit. At the moment visitors to the town have to rush back to their cars after a couple of hours or so which means local businesses miss out on trade. For example I have often thought I might go for lunch with a friend but then realised that we have to get back to their car. The moment is lost as is the business for local restaurants.

Keep the Facade only

My preference is for the City Hall to be demolished and civic space created in its place. This space could be used for markets, public art, outdoor events etc. However, if the building is to be retained then I wonder if consideration might be given to using it as permanent indoor market. An example is that of the English market in Cork, Ireland where quality foods and crafts are sold from small units on the ground floor and there is a cafe with seating upstairs in an arrangement that the 'Circle' in the City Hall would lend itself to. There is a similar set up in Inverness (can't remember its name, sorry). The many local producers of quality foods and crafts in and around Perth could lease a small pitch from the Council.

Why are we being consulted on again? Why are people not make decisions? Why has it taken 5 years and still no decision? There has been so many missed opportunities in 5 years! Make a decision

Why is it taking so long to decide what to do with the City Hall, it is not even an attractive or historical building? When this has come up in conversation, the majority of people think the building is an eyesore and Perth Centre, and its economy, could greatly improve if this building was re developed for retail purposes or opened into an attractive public space. Why do Perth people flock to Dundee (especially teenagers) town centre to shop? Because it is only 20 minutes away & they have more variety of shops, they also have an open square to sit and enjoy the company of others whilst lunching or having a coffee. I confess I am guilty of popping to Dundee very occasionally (I do try to support Perth amenities) normally Christmas because, I have to admit, they do have more retail outlets. The City Hall should be demolished. There are very few historic buildings left in Perth. If other cities can keep the shell of their old buildings and reuse the inside then why can't Perth? It is an old building, has character and is preferable on the eyesight than some modern buildings. Why waste money, partially knocking down the building and rebuild which would then look totally out of place and character. Why was the concert hall built where it is, could this not have been used to create the public space that you crave and the City Hall (which is central) could have been transformed into a modern, up to date, concert hall).

Be bold and make a decision which will be to the long term benefit of Perth but do not pander to the emotive demands of the few who cannot see beyond the past. The city hall was a great asset in its time but that time has passed and it does not make sense to try and make something out of it just because it is there.

the City Hall should NOT be demolished. It should not be the businesses of Perth who decide

but the people of Perth and surrounding area. There are organisations such as Country Dancing, Record Fairs and Sales of work all of whom used the City Hall and did their own catering etc. but they cannot afford to use the Concert Hall as the rent is too much and there are no facilities for catering done by themselves to help offset costs. Craft Fairs and markets could use the Hall. The City Hall is an iconic building in Perth and should be preserved for the City of Perth.

The City Hall should be demolished soon as it will end up costing money for maintenance and will possibly end up as bad as St Pauls Church which is now a dangerous eyesore in the middle of the city.

The council should make a decision and follow it soon

A City Square enhancing the setting of the historic St John's Church would pull shoppers and tourists into Perth

The creation of a

Before it gets any worse - get something done with the High Street - its a disgraceful mess and a danger to people walking and the blind must have a terrible time. Refurbish the theatre before everyone stops going as the seats are dreadful. Concert Hall is a success but a lot more things could go back to the theatre. We used to have good musical shows and people looked forward to at least a bye weekly play and meal - but people are giving up and once gone will be hard to bring back. Don't kill off any more Perth attractions. You councils have been doing it for the last thirty years and goodness knows how much before then. Get rid of the policy 'knock it down'. What would Stirling, Edinburgh, York, Chester, Berwick have been like today if they had done that.

Partial demolition keeping enough roof to use for markets, concerts etc. Lower the windows to allow pavement level entry for markets and exhibitions -basement storage for chairs, platforms, market stalls etc.

I think Perth is lacking in reasonably priced retail outlets for the 50 plus age group and I think this would be of benefit to the town. It is a focal point in the town and demolishing and creating an open space would bring its own set of problems. Rubbish just thrown down and our Again who ever heard of a city with a city hall. Make it into a new city (chambers). Maybe call it 'The Grand City Hall (800)'? Funding - by voluntary asking £1 a week via council tax. Lottery funding, historical Scotland funding. S Fuller

If it was my property I would have had it let and working!

The survey only allowed one answer on what would the open space be used for if the hall was demolished. An open space could be used for markets events cafes etc as well so most on the list of options were applicable

Its a lovely building why not use it to boast Perth. We definitely need something - we don't want to see it going like the church at High St, Methven St.

1. Indoor golf range - practice. Go to Edin. Univ. they have one with same space as town hall.
2. Cafe like Rodney would be packed out - certainly in winter.
3. No indoor tennis facility in Perth, possibly 3/4 courts. Not expensive to set up. Pity you gave the organ F.O.C. probably worth 1/2 million pounds which could have been used to try this.

Yes, I have a final comment. Personally, I would prefer you to ignore people's comments about what should be done with this building when they have vested interests in demolition (open public space) because they own property and business premises adjacent to the site. If it is decided to provide an open public space, the local authority should consider demolition of St John's Kirk.....i'm sure there are probably less people using it compared to the city hall!!

The city hall could be used instead of lying there doing nothing and getting income in for example. An indoor market place extension of museum - and they could exhibit the excess artifact. they have in storage that is never seen. and provide another visitor attraction more central the other is a pavement market. with a cafe etc indoor and would attract people and be good use of building or turn/convert it into affordable housing waiting list and single 1 bed flats for the housing left since there is a shortage of houses as more shops won't help fill up the empty ones which are empty already and may be also try and keep some of old Perth rather than knocking down them all and pitting up concrete eyesores with farmaids house, and the St John centre.. Re use it to the town's benefit.

The more I think about the idea of a kind of learning centre or classes centre the more I think it would work. Please see the answer to question 7 and think about this possibility!

DECIDE SOON!

Partial demolition would enhance St John's church and allow space for seating and flower planters while retaining the historical facade of the City hall. A compromise solution. A tourist office in the centre of town is much needed.

See 11

Do NOT reuse to create additional retail space. There are enough vacant retail units in Perth City Centre already.

Someone should be held responsible for the shambolic handling of the awarding of the refurbishment contract. The legal department handed over a contract that you could drive a lorry through. On a separate note - The on-going saga of St. Paul's Church is a further cause for concern in the city centre. It's becoming difficult to believe that the building is in a safe state and is not a danger to the passing public.

It would appear that this has dragged on long enough. Decisions should have been taken some time ago. I feel that this survey is a stalling tactic and an excuse for the people who are shirking their decision making.

Retail here will compromise the High street generally and undermine any future aspirations ie Woolworths/Mill Street

I think it better on the whole to act as soon as practicable, to create a space of genuine quality (and perhaps in time consider partial rebuilding around it), rather than the heart of the City being compromised by a building of no use and questionable value.

Under no circumstances demolish the city hall.

Question 13 - Ask the citizens. Question 14 - I think there is lack of foresight somewhere. High Street, King Edward Street, Mill Street - Create a large space by acquiring Woolworth's Building and beautifying this area as a central meeting point.

The time has come to take a firm decision, about the City Hall. There are sufficient shops in the town centre. By adding more we would end up with more boarded up properties which add nothing to attract people to the town. To do nothing would only add to the maintenance costs. Option 3 is my preferred choice.

I think it would be a really nice spot for gardens, with benches. Good to sit out after a bit of shopping (or before)! Also nice view of church and surrounding cafes. Perth has a nice amount of shops and I feel that adding another

DO NOT DEMOLISH CITY HALL! As mentioned its one of the few large and impressive buildings we have in the city and a large rarely used space would be a sin at the cost of such a beautiful building!!!!

No, but for once i hope the council do the right thing, not the money thing. Use what we already have. The South Inch is really really good for the summer, yet you have let it go very badly, spend some £££ there. The North Inch is ideal for events, there is no parking around St John's area, people need parking space. The High Street has some major uneven pavement areas, fix them too, re-monoblock the whole area, or tarmac it. Don't sit on this any more, you've already wasted enough £££ on the City Hall consultations/planning to make the people of Perth sick. Our retail options in Perth are awful, you have to admit, it is an old persons town now, everyone i know goes elsewhere for shopping - even our ugly cousin Dundee has immense shopping in comparison to Perth. Please, please, please do something about it. St John's shopping centre was good for the 80's and 90's, but seriously, how many people actually think it is decent with it's leaky roof and zero atmosphere. Use the City Hall for something that can be done 12 months a year, not another green space. we have 2 perfect Inch's. The general upkeep of the whole place needs improving. What about a bowling alley, or decent cinema (i'm sorry, in this day and age, and for Perth wanting to be a City, we have a pitiful Playhouse - zero else to do. I have to go to Dundee like i did the other day to go bowling and have a decent time). Also eating establishments - they all cost a bomb for young people and serve meals. Where is there somewhere decent to sit and have a reasonable meal?? Come on Perth Council, sort it out, otherwise i hope we never get City status, we don't deserve it.

the city hall is ideal for community use, even as a community centre. i do feel we very much need a place for community events when the concert hall is too big and it can be expensive. I am not in favour of using the City Hall as an indoor market. Most indoor markets I have seen, e.g. Dundee Nethergate, Bryden's Market and markets in other cities are seedy and tatty with cheap shops. They would not add to the status of Perth as a tourist centre and market town.

Also, there are already many empty retail units in the city centre which would provide ample locations for additional shops. The cost of renovating these to make them suitable for small retailers should be considerably less than the cost of refurbishing the City Hall. I would prefer the space to be used as a grassed area with flowerbeds which would be available to locals and visitors for relaxation. Issues around vandalism and security could be addressed with security cameras. Edinburgh has successfully opened St Andrew's square to the public, Whilst the square is larger and surrounded by railings, Perth should be able to provide something along the same lines.

build a city square

time is of the essence on this one. A lot of people are blaming the council solely for this and though they do have to carry the can for some of it, it's not all their fault and I don't genuinely believe they expected it to get to the state it has when it was first closed. A public space that gets regular use by a multitude of purposes and events is my preferred option, so pull it down and do it. Most importantly, if that is done, make sure it is used by putting on regular events. Get the whole community involved, horsecross could be a great bedfellow for it! As I said in earlier answers, it's not just what we DO TO IT, but what we, as a community DO WITH IT!! My vision of it is a bit like Queen Street in Brisbane Australia. Shops on each side, public space in between with some small bars, market stalls and even a stage, as well as places to sit and chill. Bustling and busy, but equally nice when quiet. Finally, whatever happens, I hate the idea many people have of re-opening it as a venue. We have a multi-million pound mega structure in the concert hall that can be used for a huge range of events, and is doing well, barring some dodgy acts now and again. Perth can't sustain 2 venues of that size. We got a winner in the concert hall, we just need the balls to take the lead on the City Hall as a community and get something done with it.

Perth is a beautiful market town and we should try to develop this as a place to visit, not by adding more retail properties to lie empty but as a busy market town that can easily create harmony for both country and city cultures.

I believe the City Hall is a space that should be used for further shops, restaurants or a new place for younger generation to have a new area to go to i.e. new nightclub or pub area. I am excited for its new prospect and I hope my comments are some help.

The Council has delayed taking a decision on the City Hall for far too long. It has no aesthetic or architectural merit and its demolition would enhance the setting of St John's Kirk and give Perth a much needed open space in the centre of the town which with a bit of imagination could bring vibrancy back with things like street markets and open air concerts. Just look at Aschaffenburg. It puts Perth to shame.

Make a decision!

This issue needs to be resolved NOW! Far too much time has been wasted already and the council appear inept and lacking in drive and motivation - and this is also reflected in the poor state of Perth city centre in general. As a local I hate to admit it but shopping is much more of a pleasure in Dundee or Stirling - and worth the effort and travel costs. Why do the council encourage out-of-town retail areas such as the ex-Cathness Glass site when the town centre and other retail parks (e.g. where the previous B&Q store is located) have ample empty units. Why not use the redevelopment of the City Hall area as the springboard for regeneration of the whole city centre area - hopefully to coincide with formalisation of our much deserved City status!

If possible, build an underground car park and possibly a gallery under the space after demolition although because of flooding this might not be possible. The other buildings around the square would be hugely enhanced by the removal of the City Hall and it would make a focus point. Tourists would like it and feel Perth was worth visiting, which they don't in my experience, at present.

Perth's retail heart seems to be in steady decline. That can only be reversed by a significant investment in time, energy and money, and with a vision of what needs to be achieved. All of these seem to be in short supply at the moment. Recent civic history (apart from the Concert Hall) is littered with petty tinkering to little effect in traffic management, fascia colours, and other trivia. The main infrastructure gives the impression of a lack of cohesive thought, and has some potentially disastrous flaws (the infamous Incinerator!!!). Having been an unimpressed spectator in attendance at the Planning meeting on that subject, I wish I could be confident that

our civic leaders and LG officers were up to the task with the City Hall.

I am glad I do not have to make the decision - good luck!

It appears with reference to the committee report by the Depute Chief Executive that the views of Perth and Kinross Council are already set in respect of the future of Perth City Hall. This is regrettable. While there may indeed be reference in the adopted Perth Central Area Local Plan 1997, that: "Consideration will be given to the creation of a major new civic space through the removal and relocation of the City Hall in addition to pedestrianisation and environmental improvement in St John's Place, South St John's Place and King Edward Street" I do not accept that this should be taken as supporting the demolition option. It is quite clear that "consideration" is to be given not that a decision has been taken to do something. Where is the supporting justification? You are therefore starting from an incorrect premise. In addition, this document is now out of date and subject to replacement and therefore holds little currency or relevance to the present day or going forward. The terms of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 and the SHEP, both of which were not in force at the point of adoption of the Perth Central Area Local Plan 1997, require there to be in effect no reasonable alternative to demolition or such an overriding benefit from the development to justify the demolition of such a prominent, iconic structure. Neither of these tests has been met in this case. Perth City Hall should be left alone for the benefit of present and future generations and in order to help retain the unique quality of the City and its underlying cultural heritage/attraction.

See reference above to concerns re open space attracting anti-social behaviour e.g. drug dealing and alcohol consumption. Agree to council subsidising if used for cultural activities and/or markets but not for other retail.

Partial demolition with open space would retain the most attractive part of the building and provide attractive garden/fountain space suitable for public meetings/gatherings and at the same time enhance the much more attractive/interesting/historical building of the St. John's Kirk. It would enhance the existing continental style cafes to be overlooking a 'square' and provide a more attractive town centre for tourists with obvious benefits to the local economy. Cultural events would bring a lot of visitors to Perth and if these were held in an attractive and innovative outside space all the better. St John's kirk would finally be able to be seen and appreciated without being overshadowed by the victorian 'warehouse' of the city hall. Council should provide everything we need in appropriate modern facilities. Council should keep climate change issues, green issues and sustainability issues to the forefront of their thinking. Council should be forward looking and innovative. Council should not be stuck in the ? with their ideas. Council should not put modern buildings right next to historical buildings, eg Gillies at Red Brig. Any really modern building should be free-standing. Some buildings could be removed to make way for housing. Build more housing. Build homes for disabled people at street level in shops which stay un-used for many years. Compulsory purchase?

The city hall is not used so should be demolished before it deteriorates to the state of St Pauls Church. The area could be used for a variety of events, markets, meetings.

Usually expensive not necessarily the best way forward in present economic climate. P&KC should subsidise the reopened City Hall to begin with then gradually hand it over to the people of Perth for them to run it as a centre of culture and local events. If you want people to be drawn into the centre of Perth the City Hall did that and would do so again if the doors are open and welcoming people will find their way there.

This was built as Perth's City Hall. I have attended many events there. All enjoyable. As Perth is seeking a 'City' image. It should stay. It is a historic building. An 'Open Space' relies on the weather. For many events it could also be a space for 'Undesirables' to hang out. What an image for visitors. Perth is lovely - Be careful or it will be ruined.

There are only three attractive streets in Perth: St John Street, Tay Street and George Street. The High Street has been allowed to fall into disrepair, Scott Street is dirty, so is Kinnoull Street and the St John's Centre is soul-less. When BHS closes it is to be taken over by yet another discount shop. For a Council that wants to obtain city status this is an absolute disgrace. Council Tax funds should be better spent on improving what we already have in Perth, not on expensive consultations and marketing. People want to visit attractive towns and cities - not neglected and dirty places.

I feel if the hall is demolished the area left could be a wilderness. The alternative uses of the

Hall can encourage people to spend time in the area. The dernaut is there for a meeting place to hold variety of meetings / events. Charge all a norminal fee to use space ie to cover electoronic, heating, security, wind generation of same

Perth appears to be in danger of losing all it's history and uniqueness which was what attracted tourists to the City. Perhaps the Council should approach the local business men who previously submitted plans for the City Hall to see if what they proposed might be possible and would help to retain this lovely building and make Perth City an attractive place to visit.

Every City has a City Hall (New York, Chicago, Glasgow etc) Perth wants to be a City? Make the City Hall the City Offices - There is room for four floors. Sell the present offices (2 High St) for a Gran's Hotel with river views, Wide road fronts, High St, OPP, Registrar, Banks etc. Too many so called Arts in Perth why demolish a grand building and replace it with tentf for Canvas? Just think of all the 'salutes' the provost could take from the posing front steps if their City Hall on occasions.

By offering this building to the Wethersppon Group, they will invest their money in the project to partialy demolish and re-develop the building.

It is listed building and to my mind too many other places are done away with regard to the future. There are two many resturants and/or cafes and the worst feature of Perth and Scotland is the amount of obesity which has nothing for the future health situation of the environment.

If they do partly demolish the City Hall i hope the cherubs at the top off the hall remain there as they are a landmark

As a resident of Perth for 78 years, I would hate to see the

See Point Script on 7b Note - Perth has outdoor public meeting / activity spaces known as North and South inch. Not many of our old historic buldings left. Lets retain more rather than remove.

Age and history make St. John's Kirk interesting and the fact that it is a war memorial, the City Hall is a fine piece of architecture. It is in propention for its site. Although in the City Hall does not have the historical background of St. John's, otherwise it is a more archicectual interest.

The City Hall is a visual asset to Perth, adding to Perth's character and charm. Perth has already destroyed too muchof its historical herritage - recollect demolishing Gowrie House. Also the new Concert Hall is an architectural monster in it's favour it has a short sell by date.

Why in this country do we always wish to destroy of demolish substantial well made buildings. Other countries look after and repair their heritage - even those who lost or were badly destroyed th the second world war. The railings roun the memorial in King Edward Street ought never to have been removed. If people are to visit the Fair City of Perth for its 800th year then it needs to be greatly spruced up.

Think very caefully and weigh up all comments

Demolish for public space

The old Woolworth Building could be demolished to make a public outdoor area with access to Hill Street. the City Hall is a lovely building, it would be very sad to lose it, we don't have many attractive buildings left in Perth, I vote to keep it and cherish it, once it's gone, it's gone.

Whatever use the Present Hall can be involved in. Proper maintenance should be carried out. Too often builders are allowed to fall into despair giving the demolishers a chance to get their way. If this happens it will neither be forgiven or forgotten. The idea of a space for seating, flower beds etc is a non paying millstone round the neck of whatever Council is in and will end up hanging our place for the large number already wandering the streets of Perth. Street entertaining has never been a feature of Perth.

I would like to see the City Hall demolished and the space used for a) Provision of an attractive area for residents to enjoy b)At the same time construct it in such a way that there is an open area which can be used during market days eg.Farmers Market,Craft Fairs and Continental Market. c)Existing pavement cafes could be extended. d)Consideration should be given to providing covered areas using modern lightweight materials which would allow greater use of the area during inclement weather which happens all too often in the summer time.It would also mean better conditions for operators and the public during market days.

Whatever the Council do they should get on with it - leave it empty with no costs involved or demolish it and clear it away - any government funds to help with the project. Good idea to Because of the traffic lights and the awkwardness of parking a lot of people feel that P&K

Council don't want cars travelling to the City Centre

The City Hall is a beautiful building, it has the most magnificent ceiling, but since the carbuncle of the Concert Hall was built there does not appear to be the need for 2 such venues in a small place like Perth. The council should not waste any more money on the (limited) upkeep of the Hall and direct their resources into improving the state of the remaining buildings in the City Centre and incentives to find occupants for all the empty shops. I believe there are over 30 in the High Street alone!!! An attractive centre would perhaps bring more visitors....we certainly don't need cafes.

After living in Perth for 72 years we have lost most of our industries to other towns and cities and the right to be one of Scotland's recognised cities. Have a look at Perth of old, we had a city to be proud of and people to look after out interest, not now.

it's time to grasp the nettle and give Perth a civic space for a new era, and enhance the setting of the kirk

Please make it a quick decision - we have all waited long enough and it will start to fall apart like St. Pauls and become yet another eye sore.

Let us see St. John's Kirk in all its glory - make an attractive plaza like lots of the European cities have. Show some vision!

The whole issue has taken too long to decide: Council needs to be brave and take action. this ugly and useless building has cost the taxpayers - not the council - far too much already and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. grandiose schemes will be a further waste of public money. perhaps the council will also consider removing the monstrosity that stands opposite the hall. it would be best sited at the bottom of the town

The opened up space created by demolition would show off the historic building of St Johns to its best advantage

As I stated before, St. Pauls Church is a disaster. We MUST NOT let this happen again. Act now...

Research needs to be done on all the other towns in the UK, that have a central structure and how successful it is. This way, you will have a much better idea of what the buildings are being used for and it will help to give the planners more ideas. My favourite place in London is Covent Garden with its cafes, small shops, restaurants and street performers. It has a fantastic atmosphere and there is always something going on. I have lived near by and visited on hundreds of occasions with family and friends and they always want to go back there. I think this idea would give small businesses the

After being closed for 5 years and costing a fortune to stand empty a quick decision should be made and acted upon to save a further waste of money.

Look at what has happened with St Pancras Station, and adjoining hotel, in London. `They` wanted to demolish it now it is a building of staggering beauty and function. Let's explore creative options - rather than destroying the historic heart of Perth.

I think it is time the local council got some gumption and started projects that would encourage people to use the town centre. Although once a desired place to visit and go shopping it has been in a slow decline even pre credit crunch. The council excelled themselves with the building of the Horsecross but needs to keep the momentum going by not bowing down to people who will not for sentimental reasons, see the obvious benefits of having a cosmopolitan, bright, lively city centre. Every town in Scotland seems to have the same format,

If Perth wants to achieve City Status in 2012 and is currently celebrating 800 in my opinion it is essential that we preserve the City Hall as it is part of its Heritage. I am an incomer to Perth (15 years resident) but previously resided in Perth in the sixties and then a very frequent visitor from 1975 for shopping, Theatre visits and activities in the City Hall and have always thought the City Hall was a beautiful building and a focal point for Perth.

If the hall was left to be redeveloped at a later date how long would it take before a suitable use could be found for it, how much would its maintenance cost? Who would pay these costs? Are we going to be left with another building in the centre of Perth which has no useful purpose and is left to rot? St Pauls?

I agree with the comments made by Mr Bullough of McEwans store and published in the Perthshire Advertiser.

If the same quality of surfacing as in St Johns Street is used for the space to be freed up by partial demolition, I would think we could have all of what might be desired, an open area, cafes

on both sides, a focus at either end & an improved setting without necessarily having to large a windswept freezing space in winter. If the space is designed for markets with proper services built in & a suitable power supply as often happens on the continent, many different events could be held without the need for generators including concerts & travelling fairs like the Lammas in St Andrews.

Be creative as befits the 21st century. Attractive and flexible green space with cafe, arts, Market, relaxation zones would be perfect and aid a real central focus could it not be used for sports activities like a climbing wall or a childcare facility and cafe with ball pit offering respite to parents with young children while shopping in the centre of town. a little shopping centre with a more boutique feeling would be nice as most of the shops that are left are chain stores.

Perth needs this space now - don't delay any longer

A well laid out open space might encourage local businesses (and Council) to smarten up some of the streets in the City Centre.

Hopefully a tourist dept of some type will be raised in this area even if it has to be subsidised.

We do not require a huge office just a small kiosk and helpful information for tourists etc. You could recycle the stonework in the future on new road bridge over the Tay to Scone or on something useful to keep people happy.

I think it would be wrong for the City Hall to be pulled down as all other City's has a City Hall and if Perth wants to get City status then leave the City Hall alone. I think you should give it to the gentleman and he would get it up and running in no time. Make it in to a ten pin bowling and make a floor and have room for all these other people who have hired the City Hall before and get these people back to the City Centre

I know that this is history but when the decision was taken to build the new concert hall that effectively signed the death warrant for the city hall. The future of the city hall should have been decided prior to construction of the concert hall!!

Perth Council has a gift, it appears, for killing the golden goose. Since amalgamating the Theatre with the Concert Hall management, the theatre has gone seriously downhill, with fewer and worse (attended) productions than I can remember since Iain Cuthbertson's team brought it to its knees in the late Sixties. There's nowt wrong with the City Hall when you think that it is the same shape and style as the Musikverein in Vienna, from whence the New Year's Concert is relayed to television and radio audiences around the world. So that excuse doesn't work. It comes down, I think, to unimaginative management and a really crappy make-over in, as I recall, the Eighties, of the foyer. Venues need lots of loos, half-decent back-stage facilities for performers, and a slick interval drinks (teas and coffees as much as booze) operation - go to the Metropolitan Opera House in New York to see how it's done!. Get that right, and you're half-way there. Then ensure that it's never dark on a Friday or Saturday night - be it amateur, professional, dance or performance, lecture or what. Use the Lesser Hall if numbers are low, but enter from King Edward St as usual. That creates the buzz, and the buzz builds. Then people will want to come, because the atmosphere is great.

Perth City Hall must never ever be demolished.

I think that it is very difficult to make it vibrant in today's economic climate. Our superstores attract much of the population as parking is free and plentiful. Perth centre has sufficient cafe's and restaurants. Some of these appear and disappear quite quickly. So most of these not really an answer. Also recently the opening of the Gateway of Inveralmond, may well draw more people to this area with Nevada Bobs & Tiso and others in the future. We have in Perth a vibrant shopping area on the outskirts!

if demolished I would like to see cherubs on roof incorporated into design of square, possibly fountain in space left, seating area must be limited, markets cross possibly moved to it, revamp of buildings of South St John's Place

I feel Perth has had too many old buildings demolished in the past why? Why can't more money & common sense come in before demolishing lovely buildings. I have yet to see a modern building that is not an eye sore. I envy the older generations that lived in Perth when all the lovely old buildings were still in and around the City, having read most books about Perth & their beautiful buildings I feel demolishing the City Hall would be destroying Perth

It would be a shame to demolish such an established building when it is of such a size that can be utilised with much thought. Having seen a similar sized building being used as an indoor

market for all sorts of stalls and eating outlets and proving very popular, I believe a similar approach being taken for the City Hall would add to the attraction of Perth drawing in people who may otherwise rather visit peripheral outlets such as Inveralmond etc.

Leave the city hall alone

As a Scottish Country Dancer, I believe the closure of the City Hall has had a great impact. Big dances (of any type) are no longer held there. Although I greatly admire and use the new Concert Hall, it is not suitable for big dances, also I believe it is very expensive to hire. Also I very much miss the big events such as Church Fayres, Charity Fayres that were held there. Once again other venues are too expensive. I feel, if the City Hall was partly demolished, leaving a bigish hall for the afore said events and an area outside for markets and outdoor summer events, it would please both sides of the debate.

We live in a town where we have a council afraid to take decisions. Years of public money have been washed on maintaining a building for which there is no use. There are too many empty retail units, we do not need to have a large space sitting empty or full of craft units which will close very quickly in the present economic climate. This is Perth 800 lets be bold for once - look out from Perth. Where do we want to be in 10 years time, certainly not looking at a decaying city hall a building of no architectural integrity. St Pauls Church. an eyesore - because of listing is typical of lack of investment we now have Caldonian school- is it going to sit - decay? Make a decision demolish the hall have an open air piano where multi events - the people of Perth visitors can enjoy all year.

The city hall is a landmark building in a town that has very few. The facade should at least be saved for future generations. If PKC developed the building as luxury flats then the chances are the residents would ensure the building and particularly the surrounding area would not become an eye sore. PKC should employ contractors for this development rather than selling it off to the lowest bidder. All profits could then be used to create social housing that would become part of PKC housing stock. This would benefit the citizens of Perth and future generations.

The hall could be used as a visitor centre for Perth and surrounding areas. Also as some sort of agency for environmental information in the area. Farmers market information - seasonal produce/cooking, craft workshops. Information for the general public on renewable energies and cutting each individuals environmental footprint. Community information source.

Why would the Council not help fund as in 1 & 2 yet in 3 & 4 option develop and fund? Money can come in many different ways - through efficiency and good judgement, unceasing efforts, outstanding ability and mastery. Perhaps the building could be used for the practising/learning musical instruments, art or antiques. Funded by common good fund or lottery to name a few. So come on, we have waited far too long, now is the time and with the correct use of power - success will be ours.

Whatever you decide to do make sure it is something attractive and pleasant

If there had been as much effort put into bringing events to the Theatre and The City Hall as there has been for the Concert Hall, we could have saved the money that was spent building the Concert Hall. Perth is an Historical City. Please don't ruin it any more than you already have. While you argue about the City Hall all the other cities around have pulled up their cities and Perth has missed the boat. We need units in town not out on the outskirts. Fill up the town first.

The City Hall would take a big part of making Perth a City. It is said that it takes a town to have a Cathedral and a town hall quality for city status, and to demolish such a fine and lovely building would be sacrilege to the public of Perth + Kinross I say keep this lovely historic building alive. What is wrong with all local councillors that they are not on the streets to save the City Hall, some decades ago a woman councillor canvassed to save the city hall and seems that it did get a reprieve. I suggest that the chief executive and councillors really get their heads together and get more positive save our historic status.

I Have Made Some Comments On What I Think Could Be Done With City Hall As I Said We Are Always To Ready At Demolishing Good Old Buildings Rather Than Reinstate Them AND To Finish (((Sandemans Library Was Made Into A Restaurant))) The Old Records Office Was Made Into The Sportsters))) And They Are Both Good Solid Sandstone Buildings Which Has Been Saved And Been Put To Good use . So Let Us Do The Same For The City Hall Remove it as it costing Perth Rate Payers at present.

Partial demolition as per artists impression as seen in St Johns Centre is by far the best

solutioning. It is ensured that will satisfy most people's desires

Rather than partly demolish the City Hall just to create another smaller version with an interminable future - culture? retail? - Better to demolish in entirety except for existing frontage, a classical nonchalance at the western end of an open Piazza Area

Make it into Perth Theater.

Perth is known as the Fair City. Perth is seeking 'City Status' A City needs a City Hall. Perth City Centre lacks vibrancy. When the City Hall was in use there was regularly a 'Buzz' in that Area - The heart of Perth. The tourist information centre is hidden away where many locals are not aware of it, let alone visitors. It needs to be relocated in the City Centre and the City Hall is ideal. When TLC was in High Street that particular part of the High Street always had plenty of people milling around and the City Hall area can again be like that - bringing atmosphere into the heart of Perth. The City Hall has been out of use for too long. There has been too much dilly-dallying! Make a decision soon and proceed with it.

When used to its potential with the right persons it would be an asset to the City and its visitors. If not clear the space No cafes No retail Possibly a pitch to war heroes. Gardens of peace Apart from the Inches, the one thing which is a City (And we want Perth to have City status) Perth lacks is an attractive open square of Plaza. Why hide St. John's Kirk behind a modern monstrosity? Open the square make it attractive. Let people see / visit St. John's Kirk and enjoy a sunny square

MAY I REPEAT MY WISH FOR THE COMPLETE MAGNIFICENT ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING TO BE RETAINED . IT COULD CONTAIN A DISPLAY OF

As I said Perth will continue to lose business and more and more shops will close. As Perth lacks a mixture of shops

The building could be brilliant. It is wasted. Advertise for weddings, dances etc. - internet, papers, tv

Action should be taken SOON to demolish the City Hall.

Find a buyer for stonework there by reducing cost of demolition

Couldn't at least part of it be used as a tourist information centre with film of the highlights of Perth and Perthshire. Alternatively go about a leisure centre with cafe Part retail - Part offices Lovely village, town & city should have a hall for the use of the local community to hold functions, sports clubs are at an affordable price. With the demise of the city hall that facility no longer exists for the people of Perth at a time when village halls in the area are being updated + raised to a high standard. There are groups of organisations within Perth whose needs cannot be met by the concert hall. As a Scottish country dancer, I enjoyed years of happy dancing in the city hall - the hall was good and it was spacious enough to dance 150+ people. (unlike other forms of "couple dancing, Scottish country dancing requires a much larger area to suit "lengthwise" or square sets of entire people. The concert hall is totally unsuitable for Scottish Country Dancing + the cost of hiring it is far beyond our resources. I know that other organisations are in the same position. The City Hall used to be the venue for SWRI meetings + shows, library + craft sales kept for classes + sports clubs, to name these a few these activities are still enjoyed by a large proportion of the people of Perth, but they now have to look elsewhere for a venue + there are very few halls in Perth! Since the City hall closes, we, the tax payers have been paying for its upkeep = surely it would have more financial value for groups to have made use of hall over this period & this have generated some much needed income. The number of empty shops in Perth clearly indicates that they do not need any restaurants. What the people of Perth need + deserve is a venue in the centre of Perth for community activities.

Within the city centre there are enough empty units to allow for extra shops/food establishments. Apart from the concert hall, theatre and cinema there are no activities within the city centre that do not involve drinking. Using the space for an enclosed venue for other activities would also increase the need for additional restaurants etc.

To some extent depending on the one. If it's for community use then yes, if it's to subsidise businesses to a much lesser degree. The City Hall has been a perfectly good building being wasted by the council. If a use cannot be found for community groups & business perhaps the council should use for offices? Demolishing completely is a bad idea and will cause disruption to all businesses and residents in the area. Transportation around Perth is already disrupted by roadworks, absolutely no need for more long term disruptions. Additional parking for

everyone is the only major requirement needed in the town centre. While the idea of open town centre spaces (common in Europe) is very nice, Scotland really does not have the weather to support an all year round open event space.

Considering the empty shops in the St. John's centre I don't think a building for more shops will be of benefit as even Woolworths is still empty so there doesn't seem to be a demand for shops from the stores

Perth lost its city centre when the hall was built. Now is the time to recover it and use it for the good of everyone.

Perth is an attractive City but has no central open space. Development of outdoor space for e.g. cafes have already proved successful and are well used in clement weather. Informal setup and outdoor events would be a great asset. Let Perth be the first of the smaller Cities to promote this public facility

Perth would benefit from a city square. Recent marches, including those with horses, have been around the High Street. A public gathering area would be more appropriate. The last thing Perth needs are more shops. The city centre is beginning to look run down with closed shops. Rates should be made more attractive to encourage small businesses to open up in the town.

1.) The City of Perth needs an area point. It square in front of St John's Kirk would be the ideal setting. 2.) Too much money has been wasted in the City Hall. Realistically the buildings is past its sell by date. 3.) The one thing Perth does not need is another repair centre. There are enough empty shops in the City Centre to prove this. 4.) The short and honest answer to the demolition of the City Hall as soon as is possible

The City Halls should never have been closed. The concert hall is no substitute for the City Halls because it is too expensive for many organisations to direct 2,500 generally as a Scottish country danced out groups have lost a wonderful venue for dancing. Dances were held every Tuesday evening from June / September attracting dancers from all over and especially the summer school at St Andrews on a provided entertainment for tourists in the town. The closure of halls has meant that dances were over too dancers attend have now moved out of town. If retained could be used for farmer's markets in the winter months to provide shelter for buyers, sellers

Every town of note has a town/city Hall. If Perth wishes to attain 'city' status it should have a city hall!

The tourist information placed in the city hall, more central than where it is. Lots of tourist information and sale of good Scottish goods. A small cafe serving pastries and cakes of Scotland. Perhaps upstairs a picture gallery and Scottish literature.

Look at Cities and towns in Europe are very prominent and great meeting places

I would like to see a place where I could go and use a laptop and practice my computer literacy as I do not have a computer and am doing a course in computers.

This is a pointless exercise the council is hellbent with demolition, as long as St John's Kirk is seen that will be great

Whatever is done, it should be to add to the cultural aspect of Perth's city centre. not for more retail outlets or car parking space. it should be something meaningful.

Just to emphasise that Perth needs somewhere affordable for organisations like the SWRI to hold events like their annual Spring Show, concerts, bulb shows etc.

We do not have the climate for pavement cafes etc to be used throughout the year. A large open space will be under utilized and will require maintenance paid by public funds. There is already a pigeon problem in High Street/King Edward Street and any open space will also become blighted by pigeons. Who wants to sit at a pavement cafe with pigeons under their tables?

Got to do something soon. It's been sitting doing nothing for years and it's a sore point with residents. Obviously need to do something good with it - no point knocking it down for no reason/leaving it and making it work in a way that's not financially viable - but just got to do something. Leaving it as is won't foster confidence in the economy and the more run-down the city centre is allowed to get the less attractive it is to live/work/visit Perth

How did the building get permission to be built, blocking the view of the important historic St John's Kirk in the first place? With excellent facilities provided by the concert hall for all events, The City Hall is a white elephant

It is essential that Perth can offer an alternative choice to the concert which is too expensive to

hire for some organisation e.g. S.W.R.I have to hold their meetings outwith Perth therefore not easy access for some member also limited space. A tourist office would be an advantage in The City Centre.

The City hall can co-exist with the concert hall. Bring back (of old) the old Lynne + ballroom dancing (sat night). The mod - the concert hall is not suitable. The schools music festival (PERFORM) which has to be spread in churches, church halls. The antique exhibition (now in scone palace not benefitting the arts finances. The hunt ball.. The record fair, with a capable manager the town hall could be busy again, bringing in people from outside the town especially Saturdays. Held in cultural what about an annual book fair - travel exhibition. Where is the council imagination? If you can spend hundreds of thousands on sports grants to many people whom you never hear of again, you can use that money. The way the questions are formed the council want to demolish.

Hall booking agent and a co-ordinator/marketer would be required - perhaps an arrangement with external providers in the area would keep costs down?

All great cities have a meeting place Venice, Rome, even Dundee! - we also have an important and very fine architectural building in St Johns Kirk. By demolishing the City Hall we kill two birds with one stone and could end up with an exciting centre to our Fair City.

DEMOLITION WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A HEART TO THE CITY CENTRE WHICH CAN BE USED FOR A MULTITUDE OF PURPOSES AND HIGHLIGHT THE VISUAL ASPECT AND HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF ST JOHNS KIRK TO VISITORS TO THE CITY

Demolish City Hall ! What a fantastic and unique opportunity to make St.Johns Kirk and the square a vibrant icon of Perth. Less is More !!!! I would love the opportunity to argue my case with any councillor or address any questions. Rob Bain 07976 853369

St Pauls Church has laid empty for over twenty years with the council unable to force any development to happen. It is vital that the council continue to attract people and businesses to the centre of the town. Developments like the retail units at Inveralmond should never have been allowed. The current economic difficulties and the drop in retailing due to technology means it will be very difficult for even half of the empty shops in Perth to ever be occupied. I do not envy the difficulties of the task facing the council and although I think the city hall building should be kept , realistically the best solution will be to demolish it and redevelop the site as an open space called the Middle Inch!

The City Hall has been rendered defunct by Horsecross, is without aesthetic merit & blocks the far more historically important & attractive St John's Kirk. It has been allowed to fall into disuse & is of no use. Trying to turn it into a retail space would have been a waste of time even before the recession - the St John's Centre across the road has had empty units for years. We don't need more closed shops. I believe the most practical solution is to clear the site for markets; instead of blocking the footpath outside Debenhams, Waterstone's etc, bigger & more frequent markets could be held in a central area. Such space could also be used for pavement cafes & events. I'm not convinced at the idea of turning the area into a garden, unless it could be policed effectively.

Depending upon the proposals for the High Street - Mill Street link development the careful dismantling of the west portico and reconstruction / remodeling of the portico on the position of the current old Woolworths building frontage would result in a historic portal linking to the proposed new retail streetscape. From pacing the frontage of both building and space this appears do-able. The height of the frontage would generally keep with the current building lines on the High Street. This may both satisfy those who don't want to see the Halls go and those who want to see the Halls removed to realise the once in a century opportunity to create a public space and setting worthy of the much more historically important St Johns Kirk. A smaller scale version of saving and rebuilding a listed frontage as a portal to a new public space was the architects and planners solution during the recent redevelopment of the Edinburgh Meatmarket site on Sempole Street. The stonemasonry skills are still out there to do these things.

The town seems to have lost many events which were held in the city hall - such as flower show/ book fair/ cased trial show/ selling of old library books and many fund raising roles / country dancing (spring floor?) the costs of the new conference centre / concert hall is obviously too great for many of these events. The city hall was excellently managed by a

hallkeeper, his assistant there weren't classical concerts etc playing because there was no council departments booking them in. P.s what happened to the piano which was donated to the hall?

An option to do nothing + wait is not practical as it will just decay + become yet another building that is lying vacant. If you make anything nice like a park people will just vandalise it + drunks + junkies will just take root like they are in doing everywhere else in the centre. Dogs would be allowed foul the area + the council would come up with some budgetary reason that it could not be maintained or patrolled. Use the existing building to bring some revenue into the centre and make people proud to say they come from Perth once again.

The council have had many imaginative and interesting suggestions regarding use of the City hall building put forward by cutting some investments will be necessary but we could have a building at the very heart of our City Hall with a tourist office, small retail outlets, art space for workshops and retailing. We have just experienced a 21/2 month cold period where even the successful farmers market was poorly patronised in February. Outdoor activities in Scotland at any time of year are a gamble. Keep the City Hall as an umbrella for markets, antique and art fairs and it can be used year round as the city hall was weekend after weekend. The art market in May can be delightful in warm weather but we have had rain and very cold winds - what since October - April? What is the point in improving sitting of St John's Kirk when it is not even open to tourists? We need more activities/maps/information for tourists in the centre.

Create an open space for more pavement cafes and markets.

Whatever the City Hall is used for it should be saved and used for something

I had my prom in the City Hall 10 years ago. Since then I have never looked or used it again. I feel the huge amount of space it uses is wasted creating an open multi-use square would allow for so much more potential if the centre of Perth is to be explored. We have an amazing indoor concert hall for music, a theatre and art galleries. An open space that could be used for exhibitions, plays, events, music surrounded by nice cafes and pubs would be marvelous. If Perth wishes to be classified as a City it should have an open City square. I am sure this will attract many more visitors and tourists and will boost the local economy.

Think about residents if demolished and used for various events

Carpe Diem!

Whatever the outcome of the fate of Perth City Hall there are a few things that I have seen happen in other cities which makes me despair at local councils. The city I was born and brought up in Dundee is a prime example, years ago they decided that they needed new council offices so in their wisdom or should I say lack of, they built a new office block at the back of the Caird Hall totally out of place and although there was some parking near not enough for staff and visitors, but what was more maddening at the same time the Health board were selling Maryfield Hospital which was about fifteen minutes from the new office block it was a stone building laid out in its own grounds with ample parking which could have been reserved for their staff and visitors without the spaces being taken up by public parking it also had its own green areas within the grounds. But as I say the powers that be had their new building which in the near future is to be demolished, the same with many of Dundee's large stone buildings old jute Mills and the stone tenements that surrounded them were demolished and used for land fill in the river Tay, the buildings that were left old factories and old tenements were converted into flats which in all cases are still in use, while the buildings that were built where the ones that were knocked down are themselves demolished or boarded up and awaiting the same fate. Dundee Port Authority sold Dundee harbour I think to Forth Ports who have gone on to develop the area with a new hotel and luxury flats, also shops in the old warehouse buildings. I could fill a book with similar things but what I am trying to say is selling the family silver for a quick profit is not the answer, new shops I don't think Perth needs more with several in the centre sitting empty already, knocking it down to build something new again Dundee demolished Keillors sweet factory which was again a lovely stone building what did they build in its place a market hall which is filled with cheap clothes and bric-a-brac units hardly the best for the town. As far as demolishing the City Hall to make a new open space for what purpose Perth is blessed with open park land right on the doorstep with the North & South Inch, and I as a resident in the St. John area don't want or need any more places for people coming and going from one pub to another to hang about as at the present the noise of people outside smoking especially at the weekends is quite loud and disturbing again this time national

government getting rid of one problem but creating another. Well at last some ideas for the use of the building as it stands at times especially at Perth's festival we have artists appearing in church halls and other places could they not be accommodated in the City hall, Small trade exhibitions, Art exhibitions, Small workshops for local craft workers where they can produce and sell their work which is just a few ideas it would keep the building for the City and for its people.

I think the City Hall should be demolished completely retaining the Church and hopefully managing to incorporate then somewhere in the final plan. An attractive space i am sure would be welcomed and appreciated by Perth residents and visitors alike - possibly flowers, comfortable seating (made with weather proof material similar to the ones beside St John's Kirk) where people can meet, converse and enjoy the sunshine - when it appears! I feel this would give Perth a huge a hub a local point a heart which i feel is perhaps lacking. We already have pavement cafes, markets etc which if there was a demand for an increase in these facilities it could be considered. I do not think we need any more shopping outlets, as the economy improves surely all the units that are presently vacant will only more be filled. However i realise not everyone is of the same mind and it may be this idea could also attract undesirable and outrageous behavior from Friday / Saturday nights and the early hours of Sunday which would be detrimental to the people living in the town centre. Finally the economic downtown we are experiencing makes it difficult to reach a decision but i stand by my ideas in my first paragraph.

If we are trying to get City status what impression does that give if we are going to demolish our City Hall. Too much emphasise is being put on to how much better St John's Church would look and not enough thought being given to all the other activities and the historic value of this building. Other Cities try to preserve their noted buildings for the benefit of the citizens and visitors. Why are we trying to destroy our history!!!!

i was born in Perth i lived at the prison & the house i was brought up in has been demolished. I attended the southern district school 7 it has been demolished the church i attended was the middle church + although not demolished is not used as a church Each of these places as well as the city hall hold lots of memories. The hall did have some good points - 1.. The shrug floor 2. The organ it is not an attractive building a lovely open space would enhance the city centre

Get parking around City Hall again. Let town buses up St. John's Street to get customers to that end of the town. Extra shops in place of Woolworths will not help. Why did planning dept let units to be built at Inveralmond roundabout take customers away from the town centre. Lots of quality shops in town - plenty of cheap shops - which doesn't help Perth. Why do Perth people shop at Dundee, Stirling, Edinburgh etc - Better choice of goods and good bus service and better parking beside shops. Perth was once an excellent town. When walking around the town yourself. Buildings need painted, Weeds growing at various places, Various pipes leaking, Cigarette ends lying around. As the majority of councillors are not business people you should ask tesco for help. They know how to run their company - Fill shops and make a profit Why don't Perth & Kinross Council take over the City Hall. They could alter the inside to fit requirements to move all your office workers in together. It would save paying out for Pullar House as i understand it is rented.

We need to bring people into the city of Perth to benefit all businesses here. Small hotels and restaurants are suffering greatly as people just aren't visiting Perth in the numbers they used to. The city hall is an ideal opportunity to start this, so new shops and events will be sure to do this. Please give this some serious thought!

None of the local community organisations of Perth have a venue they can rent for their regular meetings, lectures etc - the concert hall is too expensive for these organisations such as Perthshire Art Association - no longer in the fair maids house geographical lectures (over £500 for an evening in the concert hall) annual flower show. Perform in Perth children's annual musical festival now scattered across the town venue needed for charity events at affordable rents. Suggest that to double the floor space of the hall a balcony floor could be built across the hall as has been done in Trinity Church, York Place, Perth. Tourists enjoy seeing period buildings as in the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. We have lost most of ours so please save Perth City Hall before it is too late.

I think the Council should have full control of the future use of the Hall but should consult with

local voluntary organisations to see how it could best be run without constituting too much of a financial burden on us Council Tax Payers. However, I'm sure that most Perth residents would be willing to pay a little more tax if they were to be provided with a great new facility.

I can visualise an attractive promenade space with seating and greenery, sensitive to the surroundings, particularly St John's Church. A quality bandstand could add focal point and allows musicians etc to perform uninterrupted by the odd shower. Although I believe too much emphasis is commonly put on immediately profitability in town centre planning. I can see that enhancing the Perth shopping experience with such a relaxing central area could well draw consumers more than yet more tatty retail outlets. Play to Perth's strength as an upmarket county town with concern to improve the environment for residents and visitors alike.

Perth does not need a facility to compete with the excellent Concert Hall. If the building is to be retained it needs a different use. Perhaps a roller skating rink. Perth would benefit from having a public Open Space.

The council have deliberately allowed this building to deteriorate - it is becoming another St Pauls and an embarrassment to all in Perth

Development for shopping etc will result in 30 years time in another St John centre - featureless/ empty shops ? produced. Perth has no sense/ outward display of its history - again see Nottingham with attractive pedestrian areas around pieces of sculpture/ historic buildings. St John's lost amidst pubs/ unattractive environs. Make the best of it

DEMOLISH and by doing so provide jobs and open up the vista of Perth's most historic and fine building. Where in England would find a fine and very historic church like St John's hidden by Edwardian exuberance and lack of taste? What a celebration for Perth 800 and what a space for present and future citizens to use and enjoy.

Should the building ever get demolished then the empty space could end up being just another car park and we have enough of those already. Better that we keep the old city hall. We could use it for localised events such as tea dances, dog & cat shows, flower shows etc, even wrestling. The list is endless. In fact these were the kind of events that took place there in the past. These are the kind of events that the new concert hall does not seem to want. I well remember going to see model railway exhibits in the lesser city hall with my son on more than one occasion. Are those happy times never to be repeated?

I don't want the City Hall to be left as a dangerous eyesore as has happened in the case of St Paul's Church. It is noticeable that during the Festival being held at the moment the Concert Hall can't cope with all the events being held.

This has gone on far too long as it is and should be solved swiftly.

As Perth never has had an attractive central space would you not think that a bright open space would add attraction to the St John's Kirk facade and many other points i.e pavement cafes etc and some greenery?

The council should help subsidise only if it is getting used for helping business startup in Perth and Kinross and for holding of some events. But if Starbucks were to move in then NO the council should not help subsidise costs. The council as a whole should support development and help create jobs for the local area and my ideas mentioned in this would help and that is what the council should help with. But if it is established businesses in Perth and Kinross or outwith that wish to move in then NO also. If it is sold off then No as who you sell it to will only be interested in Money and it will end up like the rest of town empty for an eternity, as you would spend a vast proportion of the budget paying the crooks as they will see council charge them what we want as they can afford it whether you can or not but you would then feel that you would have to help pay for it to be used

With the money that was spent on building the concert hall the city hall could have been refurbished and in use instead of lying derelict for the last few years. The city hall used to be the heart of the city but this council has ripped the total heart right out of the city

It has been too long an eyesore - it's time we have a beautiful concert hall

It's high time the council stopped seeing everything in pounds, shillings and pence and selling off our birthright, e.g. St. John's Centre/Meal Vennell! It wasn't the Council's to sell, it belonged to the people of Perth! It would be nice if less incomers were involved in making decisions re. the city my family have lived in for innumerable generations!

We can't build like the city hall, it cannot be replaced when you took down the old post office, a Victorian building with character + replaced with that apology in South Street, I wonder what the

council had for brains.

What about getting national redevelopment funds, and combine with Lottery for artistic aspects.....let's have some out of the box thinking!!!!!!

Don't let a good opportunity pass us by. Let the City Hall remain and be used for the not only the people of the area but visitors also.

Having arrived in Perth in 2004, Perth strikes me as a town in decline - buildings neglected, shops empty. Why not use the opportunities this beautiful building offers to create something that will stop the not, before it is too late.

The council subsidise the concert hall so I do not see why they should not assist with the city hall it is a much more substantial building and to demolish would be an act of vandalism

This is a marvellous opportunity to provide Perth with an attractive central square with possibly gardens as the main focus of the city. The existing City Hall may be Listed B but it is not an attractive building and has little architectural merit - solid but unimaginative ! Modern developers would be unlikely to provide buildings of any real merit and there is no guarantee that in the present climate they would produce an overall and attractive centre. Demolition is probably the cheapest option though not productive of any significant income apart from attracting more people into Perth. To miss this great opportunity would be a real tragedy.

Leave the City Hall as it is. We should be grateful we have a City Hall, other towns would die for a lovely building as this. Use the hall for the benefit of the public as it was intended. Why should we close the bowling and ice rinks for events such as Conservative party conference or Model Railway exhibitions. These events deny curlers skaters and bowlers the use of their purpose built arenas. We are applying for City Status yet we are hell bent on removing our City Hall. The Hall could be used for countless uses some of which being as follows holding Farmers markets throughout the winter months, antique fairs, general market stalls, book sales, conferences, model rail exhibitions wedding fairs, ballroom dancing, amateur dramatics, dart / snooker competitions. The list could be endless. Bringing these attractions would also attract visitors who would stay in our hotels and guest houses and spend money in our shops which is much needed business. They are not going to come just to sit in the sun (if its not raining) for half an hour with a coffee in possibly a 12 week summer window. They want to see attractions. If we need a public Square knock down the unsightly 60's built row of shops in Scots St. That is Pound Stretcher to Concord record shop. Then open up this area for the public square. Move these retailers into the empty shops which are plentiful including the old Woolworths. You have then killed three birds with the one stone. We would have a square, fill our empty shops and have an all year public venue. Problem solved. Old buildings have character and attract tourists. Once they are gone they are gone forever. So come on Perth lets get this City back to where it should be on the tourist map.

I would also have given much the same answers to the fate of St Paul's church. Would it be financially viable to ship some of the material from either the City Hall or St Paul's to aid in the the construction some nearby facility? If the City Hall is demolished and the area opened up, I would use some of the empty surrounding buildings to house the Traffic wardens.

Hope that action will be taken sooner than later as this should be done and dusted within the next 2 years.

There is no doubt that Perth City Centre has fallen behind other towns and cities in Scotland. Good examples are Dundee, Livingston and Stirling. Not an attractive place to visit for visitors or residents. Wrong impression being created by number of homeless, drunks and young jobless. It would appear Perth is attracting wrong people - other towns and cities do not make it so easy for homeless! Many of these people we speak to in Perth are not from this area. Know for a fact that Dundee does not encourage this - in fact gives them fare to go back to home town!

Who is going to collate these questionnaires - work through a miracle of diverse comments in order to ascertain what the good people of Perth think and come to definitive conclusion?

An open square will enhance the attractiveness of Perth to more potential visits and tourists then a few more retail outlets. Coupled with various events that could be accommodated. It will encourage more people to spend more money in the existing shops. It is the sort of thing that gives a good feel to a place. Having traveled widely in this country and abroad along with countless others i find an open space gives an impression of having a centre or hub around which the usual traffic free roads and vennels thrive. Most of all i don't think Perth should

stagnate in a sentimental past. Our future is the future of new generations.

It is time to bite the bullet. Previous proposals have not come to fruition so the city hall is no longer a value option. Demolishing it would create space for markets, cultural events and who knows what else? It would be a showcase for events such as the day parade and Trafalgar Square in London would be an ideal spot for residents to see in the New Year. Possibilities are endless but my only reservation is that supervision would be vital as the last thing Perth would want is a focal point for noisy teenagers, drunks or beggars

The museum needs more exhibition and storage space - use the City Hall. There is nothing structurally wrong with the city hall; - demolition would be a disgrace. It is out of scale for the city centre but that reflects the desperation of the authorisation who built it for Perth as a City - why demolish it and create a hole if Perth is seeking City status? The council are always talking about bringing people back to live in the city centre: concert hall into flats. (The new St John centre resulted in the demise of the flats in the old St Johns Centre.) If all else fails, give it to Vivian Lenard to shut him up. The council should only re use it if it retains the city hall for cultural purposes, certainly not for retail use, not for flats, unless they are council flats.

If demolished the space would make an attractive 'centre' for Perth

As it is now unused, the hall is a depressing, unused building; it is a brooding presence which spoils what could be a lovely public space. The trick will be to allow the square to be a space with appeal to a wide range of residents and visitors, without it slipping into being a centre for anti-social behaviour, especially at night. Demolish the hall, create a charming plaza, and we will wonder why the hall was ever allowed to be built in the first place.

City Hall and St Paul's long overdue demolition - just get on with it!

Perth is seeking

Could be used in the meantime to hold activities for teenagers as there is a lack of facilities between the ages of 14-18.

Using the space as a venue for The Farmers Market and the French Farmers Market would certainly make life easier. As it is far too cramped and busy in its current location.

can't think of any reason anyone would come to Perth. rather than Dundee, Stirling, Glasgow!

! maybe to see the park! pot holes

why not pull down the awful 60s Woolworth building instead that would create leisure space for events etc. If demolished I think a magnificent fountain would add to St John Kirk appearance possibly with the city hall frontage kept as a form of triumphal arch

Decide Now Do not wait any longer act now

I feel that if they do build a new city hall their should be some where for young kids to go - as the only reason they drink take drugs e.g. is because they have nothing better to do. and giving them a place to learn and have fun or just to get out the rain could help Perth a lot... it would keep a lot of people safe and happy at the same time

This has gone on for so many years the public is fed up to the back teeth. What I would like is for the council to just make a decision now - there has been enough (far too much!)

consultation time - anything would be better than the way they are now.

I feel the music hall was put in the wrong place. So please remember this building - city hall belongs to Perth & Perthshire, and something has to be done. For young people and the over 65's, I know money is tight but do they very hard.

Markets, cultural events etc. We increasingly in popularity & have a future. Move retail outlets do not - why just put up another building requiring maintenance etc which will go the same way as this the sooner rather than later?

You should have drawn attention in this form that the city hall is presently costing us £100 per week in maintenance

The council should make a decision NOW and should not become embroiled with other developers.

Not sure that consultations are even landed on table real account of cost vales benefit.

(Aberdeen city bypass finally selected route is a good example)

We all have happy memories of buildings etc, but one they are gone we very soon forget, and never miss them. We now have a new hall - let's enjoy that.

Many people living in Perth (myself included) have happy memories of events throughout their lives which have involved the City Hall. It may be comforting to us to cling to the belief that a

purpose should be found and that the building should remain at all costs. There is a duty, however, to move forward and consider the needs of the generations who will live in Perth during the 21st century and perhaps beyond. A decision to make partial use of the building could provide a focal point in the centre of town with extra space also available in front of St Johns Kirk. Should a decision be made to totally demolish the City Hall, then that will give the benefit of a large public space. To do nothing is the easy thing to do and serves no purpose other than to provide the comfort of not having to make a decision.

To add strength to our bid to achieve city status the city hall is a necessity every city needs a large elegant building to show off, and we have it right here in the centre of Perth. If you fail in your bid to become a city it may be because the city centre is not attractive a revamped city hall would change that current impression.

Make a decision then do it.

Would enhance the ambience of the town centre, St John's Church, and act as a hub for the various shopping, restaurants and other town centre activities, and not add further unrequired retail space.

I WOULD NOT LIKE TO BE IN THE SITUATION DRAG ON AS THIS HAS AN ONGOING UPKEEP EXPENSE WHICH CAN BE ILL AFFORDED AT THIS PRESENT AND INDEED FUTURE CLIMATE.

Yes, let's leave something to be proud of, for all Perth future generations.

I do not feel that the Council and therefore the local tax payers should all have to continue to fund a building that is no longer of value to the local economy. A public space which can be used for a variety of different events/markets/activities would at least encourage greater use and footfall within the city centre and benefit not only local residents but encourage those who would not normally attend to visit.

This monstrosity and St Pauls are eye sores and are liabilities in terms of maintenance, risk to health and do nothing to enhance our desires for City status or welcome visitors. We have let things go for far too long and decisions have to be made based on practicality and not sentimentality. The City Hall is just an ugly rectangular building completely characterless and obstructing the view of a fine piece of Architecture, St Johns Kirk. It is superfluous and costly to maintain.

The Council should no longer delay any further in creating an attractive and functional public open space which spotlights St John's Kirk as the heart of the city, not, as it is now, in the shadow of an ugly monster of a building.

I have been impressed by the quality of any redevelopment that Perth has undergone and am confident that this venture will be undertaken in the same manner whatever happens. My view is that there are far too many empty shops in Perth and we should not add to this especially in the current climate. Other large cities both here and abroad have made great use of a large open communal space for gatherings, markets and just sitting watching the world go by! Perth could do the same, I think St John's Kirk is a beautiful backdrop for such a space and any remnant of the City hall would detract from this.

I would support option 3. In the present economic climate and as there are a lot of empty shops - trying to fill the city hall with retail outlets seems stupid. Option 2 is neither one thing or the other and I don't think sensibly.

Perth is a beautiful City but an open square would enhance Perth even more. This would maybe encourage other retailers to come in and fill the many empty units. Someone is making money out of all these delays. So let's demolish the City hall and move on!

Large cities have several, varied centres of interest. Perth is too small to do so. A band of town centre activity could be created from the concert hall, via George Street and a public space on the site of Woolworths, through to the City Hall area and South Street. Sensitive street furniture is required. Perth has far too few trees. In general better designed pavement finishes St John's Place and street are quietly abundant, the paving is agreeable. The High Street is far too fussy and dishvelled. Tay Street should be more visually accessible from the town centre area, and the town centre area from it.

Leave the City hall as it is. It belongs to the people of Perth. We have to have our city one of the best in Scotland. Don't let us down.

I would like to see the City hall restored to its past - my suggestions are - demolish the Woolworths buildings it's hideous. Make walkway through to the concert hall - use some of the

space created as disabled parking there by freeing up parking around St Johns Kirk / or Parking for weddings. The City Hall could be a wonderful venue for civil ceremonies, weddings, receptions & dinner dances. It has excellent sprung floor for dancing. The kitchen & catering facilities could be gutted modernised - the balcony leveled and used for dining & spectating at dances - it could be a glamorous cocktail area during events. The City hall could have a some permanent exhibition of Perth's history - slanted towards visitors interests. For other suggestions see sections 8.

Get rid of stone cherubs. Make St. John's area more attractive.

The sooner this issue is dealt with the better. Whatever the outcome. The last thing we need is for the building to become an eyesore like St. Paul's Church

A shopping centre includes boutiques that will encourage people to shop locally rather than Dundee. This will increase the economy for the area.

Please don't demolish it it is a piece of Perth's history

We need to have an open square as a focal point for the city we don't have any public focal points along our riverside! In the summer there could be street performers & live entertainment outdoors. We could have a fair such as the Lammie in St Andrews in the square & adjoining streets. Like St Johns Street & King Edward St We could have ice rink in the winter again with children's rides, German market stalls etc. It would be a central point for a fabulous Christmas tree instead of the silly 2 we have St Johns Centre & Concert hall. We could have brass bands playing & a New Year's celebration with fireworks & music every year. Every weekend the street markets could be in the square instead of just King Edward Street. We could have fountains & laser lights. We could have street cafes & be lenient enough to accept outside drinking areas which would be monitored by licenses who would face heavy penalties for anti-social behaviour. All the overseas visitors would at home enjoying the outdoor space & feeling the community social spirit.

The council should 'move on' with doing something. People are sick & tired of "What to about the City Hall". Time and money has been wasted - how many man hours has been spent on meetings on the subject - at what cost!

The council in years gone by have demolished a lot of Perth heritage eg Perth Post Office.

Please think carefully before doing much damage. In the City Hall were to be demolished St John's Kirk would be more open to official behaviour

I would like to see discussion for any plans that might be produced etc - i.e. landscaping if this should occur

I think the council should even consider demolishing the only City Hall had/ for last hundred years. What will it be like if you take it down & create a space. Has what it was taken 200 years ago no I think it should. Clean it up and use it as a city don't let it get into a state like St Paul's

Demolish it, Build an attractive Tourist Information Centre, use the open space left, and do it Now. Make Perth a DOING town not a stick in the mud town.

As an art gallery this would fare with the museum to the artifacts in storage. Pictures in storage could be on display in a new gallery and also a new gallery could allow art exhibitions to have brought to Perth

Just that I would be very disappointed if the City Hall was to be demolished as in Perth we have NO GOOD BUILDINGS LEFT!!!! Every nice building has been destroyed unlike Edinburgh/Glasgow etc. We are left with Retail Parks and buildings that are unsightly like the Police Station etc.

Sooner rather than later so it does not become an eyesore like St. Paul's as that should be demolished as well

Come on Perth, even Dundee beats you hands down these days for being a nice place to visit! The City Hall has historic value to the City of Perth and there should be no question of knocking it down.

What a beautiful setting an open square with fountains and plants would be for weddings at St Johns Kirk!

Also demolish St. Paul's Church and redevelop St. Paul's Square into an attractive minor Perth was a beautiful old City - we don't need anymore bad planning decisions. One on the main routes into the City - Glasgow Road. To have The Waverly Hotel!!! with the original sign - with 'No vacancies' how many tourists in need of accommodation are put off staying in Perth if

that is what we have to offer then the mixture of 'Buildings' in the South Street and so many empty buildings elsewhere (Top of High St) when visitors looking for walks in Perth are sent along the River. Rodney walk/bridgend are met by wine drinkers. The City Hall is lovely building in keeping with the area: don't waste anymore of our tax money thinking about it.

1) Stop kidding ourselves that the new Concert Hall will do anything other than corner the market which, after all, is why we built it! 2) Introduce (by demolishing our white elephant) - St John's Square - to mirror what we see in other important cities like Rome and Venice ... wonderful open spaces in which communities can celebrate life - in all the forms which, over time, will emerge quite naturally.

Additional retail can be realised by going ahead with Woolworth's demolition & development plan

Why was city hall closed? how much money to revamp city hall? how much did concert hall? how much is city hall costing tax payers? another burden to pay for

It is part of Perth's history leave it alone

The city hall is a fine example of a civic building of late Victorian/early Edwardian architecture both inside and out. It is part of Perth's heritage and should be preserved at all costs if Perth wants to be a tourists attraction it must preserve its character - visitors (particularly from abroad) are not interested in modern buildings - the charm of Perth is its history and old building with hideous unattractive concrete and had it replace these buildings in later years. PS overgate please preserve Perth's unique character - once you destroy something you cannot replace it.

Perth would benefit from a modern, light, airy gallery & cultural space. A showcase for exhibitions and selling works by contemporary artists and craft persons this questaineare is expensive and the money would have been better used on using the city hall. to use the city hall often required to

The City Hall should be run by PKDC as a viable concern. Study the progress of the rothes hall at Glenrothes. There is an excellent restaurant run by the Fife catering & cleansing dept, it has a bar, conference rooms, does weddings, concerts, shows etc. It even has a library. The Perth concert hall is a private organisation and it is very expensive to hire. There are no real dance facilities. If Perth is to be a real City it could surely be able to maintain the city hall and provide the sort of facilities that the halls were built for 100 years ago

Open the area up so newlyweds can have somewhere for nice photographs and dinners and have something nice to look at

Keep the front vestibule for arts centre/tlc. Erect a stage to the rear face using part of vestibule for storing stage equipment. The open area towards St John Kirk to be covered by a curved - collecting (for markets and cleaning) roof encompassing the pavement cafes. Think of the big picture

If Perth is trying to create an attractive space then I suggest demolishing the Woolworths building. This would create a connection between the concert hall and the main high street. The City Hall could be used for cultural events. House the tourist information, create local concerts to assist financial maintenance

Would like to see the area as an attractive space but would need careful watch that it did not become a desirable place for layabouts, drunks etc to meet

Bricks & mortar retail is suffering UK wide; Perth has many empty units and an unsuitable demographic mix for attractively large retail operators. The thought that it could create additional retail space is ridiculous. Attempting to compete with Edinburgh or Glasgow even Dundee on a shopping destination level is short sighted. Give people a reason to come events, activities, an outlet for local talent - make it unique. It is an eye sore of a building hiding the beautiful Kirk

Demolish it asap The concert hall perfectly fulfills any use for the city hall

Once the city hall is demolished the area if used as attractive space could and probably would be used by inappropriate person / persons who would pay for the upkeep of this area? Keep this beautiful building with its interesting architecture at least until the economic climate has stabilised

Open it up & add more cafes. It would be nice to meet friends there instead of a car park entrance!

Very successful re-use of old buildings has been achieved in Tavistock in Devon. A permanent

indoor market site a permanent shops and cafes and restaurant has made use of otherwise redundant building

i think the city hall should be made into a place for teenagers to have fun and stay out of trouble and have free coffee

N/A

I think you should make a move on and do something about it

Opening the view of St John's Kirk would i think be a good thing. This move would also create a real centre central focus for Perth.

The City Hall is sorely missed by various organisations. The Concert Hall is too expensive to hire and is not suitable for dances, craft fairs and charity events

as stated only the council's refusal to consider retention of the city hall for public use is preventing it from having an asset to the city. It is costing the public of Perth for sitting doing nothing. Full or partial demolition will cost a lot of money. Building a replacement or creating open spaces will cost still more. An open space will have to be maintained at cost to the public purse. At no time have quotes been made available as part of the consultation process. Why has the council been considered the retention of the building as a public space, or offered has one of the alternatives? I feel that this process has, as were the original proposals for its reuse, been very biased within strict limitations that will not permit it to be in competition with concert hall. There are many uses for which the city hall would be the super venue

This is a very poorly produced form with 1) Misprints 2) Duplicated questions 3) Leading questions And is undated i.e. Am I too late to submit this form?

There has been enough dithering in the decision making process. It's high time some action was taken before the city hall turns into another St. Paul's Church. This town (hopefully city) needs a shot in the arm to breathe some life back into its centre. Here's hoping the council stop pussyfooting around trying to please everyone and take positive action. The city hall was a great building in its day but that day is gone. Let's move on in the 21st century and get a civic space we can ALL use & be proud of

As Perth has lost all its nice buildings in favour of unattractive modern buildings such as our Old Post Office so at least you could keep Perth City Hall for generations to see a nice building. The long running debate over the future of the building must be resolved soon. Currently the building and its future blight the area and discredits Perth as a prospective City. The centre of Perth, of which this is an integral part, requires to be promoted and to attract increased footfall if businesses operating there are to flourish. This will involve offering the comprehensive experience of cultural, leisure, social and retail activities to the public. The environment must be visually attractive, clean and safe. The townscape should itself be an attraction with maintained building facades and shopfronts readily accessible to all. Pavements must be repaired and finished in quality materials. The current environment is often untidy and dirty showing neglect and disrepair at both the hands of the private and public sectors.

Please be realistic about

Local newspaper correspondence of late is one sided in respect of retaining the building.

Proposed cultural type uses are 'pie in the sky' and cannot survive without massive subsidy.

Witness the ludicrous amount of cash being pumped into the Fair Maids House which will never reflect a capital value to justify itself. It now lies in an unattractive back street probably unlikely to be visited by anyone other than those searching a car parking space! We can only support cultural uses if the rest of the retail, commercial and industrial sectors are prepared to pump cash into the system and for several years now these appear to have been in decline.

We need the injection of new industry and commerce to provide jobs and wealth. The City Hall is unfortunately a 'white elephant' which the rate payers can no longer afford to maintain. The city centre needs a cull on late night drinking, removal of antisocial types and behaviour and a housing policy which discourages the apparent growing number of unemployables. Our local newspaper is filled with the actions of such types. How can we possibly expect a roaring tourist trade?

This seems like an ideal opportunity to have an attractive open space in the heart of the city.

The cafe's and restaurants that already surround the city hall are attractive to tourists and locals alike, it would be nice to see this cafe culture encouraged and extended. In sunny climates shade is required from the sun in Scotland we need shelter from the rain so if some of the area could be covered and the cafes extended.

The building is worthwhile saving. It could benefit the public greatly. It could be given a new lease of life, perfect as an arts centre. An investment like this could help benefit the local economy, bring tourism and would offer new facilities previously lacking in Perth city.

Perth needs a cinema with bigger screens

The longer the building is left, the greater the maintenance cost is to the Council (and Council Tax Payer) and the greater the likelihood that it will become a real eyesore.

I strongly feel that the council should get a move on and do something before it becomes just like St Paul's church.

If the city hall is so valuable an asset why not take it down stone by stone and re-erect it in a more open space, such as the North Inch but I bet it would not get planning permission. In reality apart from its pseudo greek frontage it is just a shed , no better than the buildings in St Catherine's Retail Park but built in stone, not corrugated steel/aluminium.

The City Hall should be demolished and the vacant space attractively paved with plenty of seating for locals and visitors to meet, sit, chat, and relax. Wardens should be appointed and visible to discourage anti social behaviour. CCTV and bright lighting should be provided to discourage drunks and drug addicts using the area after dark. The Tourist Information Office should be relocated to one of the vacant properties located in the square. The Farmers Market would benefit from the bigger space available and could possibly attract additional exhibitors. Demolish the city hall completely and have a public square. I have noticed that the Saturday markets seem to attract more people to the city centre. Perhaps more public events would draw more people and increase the economy as they will also spend in the local shops.

I think this would be an excellent flexible public space in the middle of Perth for markets, pavement cafes, sitting if the City Hall was demolished completely.

The Council should show some back bone and demolish the city hall instead of pandering to the sentimentalists who want to keep an eyesore.

If the building is to be kept for sentimental reasons, then do not use tax payer's money. I'd rather the people of Perth were balloted on the opportunity to buy (or buy shares in) the City Hall for the people of Perth. An appropriate period of perhaps 1 to 2 years should be offered to raise funds for the initial purchase and ongoing facilitation of the building. Failure to raise enough funding would indicate that the majority of Perth citizens are not interested in keeping the building within the Centre.

As a hall, the building is ugly, outdated and surplus to the needs of the local population. I feel strongly that Perth does NOT need further retail space as there was already too much before the recession. If it were demolished, an attractive and useful public space could be created which would greatly enhance both the amenities of Perth and the attractiveness of the centre. An additional benefit would be a much improved view of St John's Kirk - a truly attractive and historic building which links Perth to its past.

demolition is my preferred option - benefits of alternative uses of the space created far outweigh the purported benefits of utilising an out of date, frankly ugly building that does not lend itself to alternative uses now that the Concert Hall has replaced its previous purpose - as has been evidenced by the fiasco that has ensued since the building became surplus to requirements - time to take a decision and live in the present day rather than wanting to retain an old building for the sake of its history

The debate over the future of the City Hall has already dragged on too long. Now it is just another ugly mothballed building detracting from the quality of the town centre. The proposals for a development of small specialist shops was never a starter in my opinion, and the last thing we want is another tatty

Re: Q15, 'further marketing' ...what does this mean? Are you 'marketing' the City Halls at the moment? To whom? I certainly think all options should be explored thoroughly,

I really feel that this has become a joke that the council are still undecided on what to do with the city hall if they had any common sense they would no that it is to re-use the city hall. In this day and age it is so easy to reuse existing buildings for other uses and is a very common practice I think if the council took the time to look into other large intervention projects they would see the opportunity that they could have with the city hall.

The City Hall is a building without any architectural merit whatsoever - whose acquisition of listed status is an enduring mystery. It is totally out of proportion to its surroundings - in particular St John's Kirk the general visual impact of which would be immeasurably enhanced by the

removal of the Hall and the (re-)opening of the medieval market space. Additionally, there is no viable re-use for the Hall (and hasn't been since the opening of the Concert Hall). The notion that there are possibilities for additional retail activity is particularly delusional given the level - and type - of current usage of existing space in the High Street, St John's Centre and St Catherine's Retail Park. The situation is unlikely to change significantly even with an economic upturn.

Re: previous page, the 'yes/no/don't know', choices are not adequate for the complexities of the question. Q15. What does this mean? are you 'marketing' the City Hall? to whom? Not more of the ghastly Arndales and Shopping Forts, one hopes. If that banner, which supposedly showed what Wharfedale was going to do to front of the building was a true representation, it was almost as bad as demolishing it. If you ARE marketing it, do it to companies with a bit of verve and imagination, or something like the Ecological Design Society where you could end up an absolute leader in innovative, individual, solutions. Q16. Obviously it would be good if the Council felt a commitment to support any fledgling project in the building, (if, as I hope, it is retained), but I suspect what you want here is the answer which means it doesn't cost you anything.....well, once it starts making enough to cover its costs, the Council could take a back seat; and certainly it would reap rewards as Perth becomes a special destination for more and more people, realising how different it is to everywhere in Britain. I would plead, though, if the building is destroyed, that it is done with as much salvaging of architectural and interior detail as possible, using experts in that field. and perhaps passing as much as can be saved, up for sale, so those who do have a feeling for their architectural history may salvage. As the public debate and letter to the editor have shown, there is certainly strength of feeling about this building and you have a duty to respect that in the way you retain or destroy it. Many thanks for the opportunity to 'have one's say' on this and I look forward to seeing the follow-up to this consultation.

To keep the shell of the building would be wonderful to be used as a walk in market/cultural/craft/local interest area.

I know it is an historic building but I think St John's Kirk is much more important. The city hall completely dominates the kirk and it would be so much better with a lovely space that was providing seating, pavement cafes, markets, cultural events or public displays.

Please do not use for retail. Develop for participatory events, cultural activities, and to provide open space for people to come together to enjoy social life in the city. There are no other squares or open spaces, which are such an attractive part of many European towns and cities, giving them heart.

There is no open public space in the centre of Perth, for people to gather, participate in events. Shopping is not a renewing or civic building activity. Profit making is not the only reason for buildings. In a time of recession particularly, building social cohesion is more important.

Please do not use it as parking space - it would destroy the centre of the town. If you wanted additional parking, please make it underground, and then create a pleasant square on top again, as many other European towns have done.

People just knock down perfectly good buildings. The Fergusson gallery is a perfect example of what can be done with a little imagination. You will not get a new attractive building that will last for many years in the current economic climate. Do you want something like the Scottish parliament. Keep Perth as it is and do not destroy all its heritage.

What about something for the youths? In Japan there is a huge building dedicated to mixed martial arts; these include different styles of karate, judo, wrestling, boxing, muay thai etc etc. There are weights rooms, gymnasiums, boxing rings, huge matted areas, changing rooms and shop (selling sports equipment). The youths of today should be encouraged to participate in any of the aforementioned sports as they promote discipline, respect, courtesy etc. They also help improve self esteem, fitness and take youngsters off the streets.

City Hall is a lovely building and, once the economy has been given chance to recover, I'm sure that sensible and appropriate uses can be found for it, with a little more marketing and concerted thought and effort as to what uses can be made of it. There are, for example, very few mid-range places for bands to play in Perth: the choice is either small pubs and hotel venues or the large Horsecross venue. Bands that are too big for the one but not big enough for the other have nowhere to play in Perth and that's a shame. Some use oriented towards this, coupled with bars and restaurants to support Perth's cafe culture would use City Hall in an

appropriate way. This means investment, which is clearly not available now, but which ought to become available in the future. Given the appearance of the building, partial demolition is particularly inappropriate: the dimensions of the building are in good proportion and any loss of 'the back half', presumably leaving little more than the facade, would distort its appearance significantly. At the same time, I am firmly of the view any partial demolition would result in a significant weakening of the facade. As a resident of St. John's Place, knocking down City Hall would not improve the setting of the Kirk; as I have said earlier, I am attached to City Hall as a building; and I am not at all attracted to the option of making the area a large open space which, I believe, would cause significant potential disturbance to my enjoyment of the property. Very few cities get the chance to reuse such a space and we should make it the most inviting yet flexible space available - nothing else in Scotland could be like it.

Perth is very much in danger of becoming like every other city centre, with no character to call it's own and nothing special to attract visitors. Places like York are besieged with tourists every year because of it's history and places of interest. I think we should utilise what few assets we have and I think the City Hall is one of them!

You keep on about the city hall it was there before all these shops so what are they complaining about now?

Perth City Hall is an iconic building which should be an asset and not regarded as a problem. The City Hall could be used for charity fairs small concerts. Monthly market there are lists of uses.

There is a long established practice in Europe and South America of the Beating Heart square. A meeting and place of varied activities. This provides a focus and variety of individual activities relevant to the community

I think this is a really difficult matter to settle. It is most depressing that the debate has descended too frequently to a ya-boo level. If they do nothing option were to be removed from question 7a, 9 would vote for demolition, possibly with the new east end of the hall made such that the open space between the hall and St Johns Kirk and covered space at the east end of the hall could be used in an integrated way.

Since the bypass was built. less passing trade. Selection of individual shops as opposed to multi chain stores has diminished. Neighbour who does bed & breakfast reports business very quiet - travellers opting for hotels on outskirts. Don't know what the answer is.

A nice open air square would be nice so would some big shops in the high street
Need more information for an informed response to questions. What sort of costs would be involved in re-use or demolition? What about the environmental effect of demolition, isn't re-use more environmentally friendly.

Decisions should be taken now. Putting off will result in more expense to the tax payer. The council must accept they cannot please everyone

1.) I think the council employed a good marketing woman, this could even it out no clubs for concerts (which concert hall is too expensive for clubs) 2.) Perth used to be famous for whisky why not have a museum of all the local whisky grouse, Bells & Dewars as well as a shop selling them. 3.) Use part of The City Hall as store for the geological samples which are to be found from Edinburgh (the planned location in Nottingham) it would mean that research by academics in Scotland could continue. 4.) Have your site office in place of the building when visitors ask where the tourist office is located.

Please don't let be turned into another 'club' or be used for multiple market stalls all sellings the produce of Chinese, Taiwanese, etc, factories and purporting to be souvenirs! Give the building the respect it deserves. It has served Perth well in the past - the council should serve it well for the future.

If you demolish the City Hall, build an area where people can sit down like benches and build shelter around these areas. You could design glass shelters that incorporate flower beds and so forth to keep up with the City in Bloom awards

To open up the city hall by keeping the entrance, roof and part of the perimeter walls using Covent Garden Market in London as an example where the farmers market, craft market could be held which would limit the disruption to King Edward St and give the market stalls space to be appreciated. At present trying to pass through King Edward Street on Market day, especially if you have a pram or small children is difficult to say the least. Trying to get near some of the stalls resembles a furnace at a jumble sale.

Do something positive this problem has been with us for too long. Do not let the developers near it as they develop profit not to advance local amenities.

Most European towns and cities I have visited have an open marketplace usually in front of an important building. This enhances the overall appeal of the town and can be a very versatile area. I remember the St Johns Square before the shopping centre was built. It would be nice to re-introduce an open space. Keeping the city hall or re-developing it can not be a good idea. What quality of shop would be attracted? Remember the so-called high quality market at Humes. Apart from a lovely cheese shop it attracted cheap market stalls. Not what is needed if Perth wishes to become a City.

A building of this stature and prominence should be looked after instead of the knee jerk reaction by most council architects to have the entire place knocked to the ground and a concrete shambles then erected in its place..... Instead, why can't these people use what skill they have and help bring the building back to the condition it was when it was first built..... give the people of Perth something to be proud of!

Store the geological samples from the North Sea in part of the hall, this way Scottish academics would not have to lose their work on research if they moved the samples to Nottingham as is planned

Other than the loss of an attractive old building, what would demolition achieve? It would present a new dilemma as to what this new space or building(s) would be used for. The new building(s) or space could lie empty, like the retail area by the Inverlorn roundabout! Once The City Hall is gone it cannot be brought back, therefore it surely makes sense to at least try to utilise the character-filled old building for a new purpose. People love to browse around markets and invariably spend money at them. This could be a vibrant arena for a market with food, antiques, crafts, new shops, collectables etc. As seen in other towns home and abroad. The outdoor market, concept only indoors and in a great old building in the centre of Perth, locals and visitors would use it daily, year round. Are we not in an environmentally conscious society supposed to re-cycle, re-invent and re-use? Let's start by reinventing city hall and not reducing it to a pile of rubble. Another good example of the indoor market is on the road between Doune and Callander it is filled with shops, antique stalls and eating places and is busy at any time of year. Farmers markets prosper in this setting too and our climate is conducive to indoor shopping.

I should like to see the frontage of the building reformed and formed into an arch with space for an art centre on one side (No Sandeman/Library-no longer space in AK Bell Library = no further use of The Fair House) and space for the tourist information centre on the other.

I agree with subsidising to a point but on the understanding that this will eventually stop and whatever businesses are there become self-sufficient. If it is to be used for the general public this may have to be subsidised more.

Why not dismantle the City Hall stone by stone and rebuild it where the empty Woolworths building now is? It would be a fine focus for the central High Street and would look even more impressive from the opposite end of King Edward Street. It could perhaps be used as a shopping mall linking High Street with Mill Street. You might need to acquire premises on either side of Woolworths, though.

deconstruct the building, recycle, ring fence materials for Perth projects - natural stone is the ultimate recyclable material create an open space (temporarily if needed but properly infrastructured) and demand and usage will dictate future use - if the space is in constant use for farmers markets, cultural events, seasonal attractions, arts, fairs, public debates, corporate events then there would be no reason to foist a

I feel strongly that the tourist office should be returned to the city centre. I have seen other old buildings used in other cities to house the tourist office, a cafe where tourists etc could sit to look at the info they have received and an exhibition of local history places of interest and info about the local area beyond. If the City Hall was demolished I would like to see an attractive area with seating and space for markets, outdoor exhibitions, public events - this would be my chosen alternative to keeping the city hall. I don't feel that Perth needs more shops we have enough to fill which are lying empty at the city centre isn't just about the area of the city hall but S/Street and other. Also I feel that a 'mall' isn't needed why not demolish front of the old G.A primary/stationery place to give more space to the concert hall and use the rest of the building for flats at this is a splendid building.

Why can't the C.Hall be used as a library instead of A.K.Bell premises. Easier for public to access and easier parking. Anything other than being 'hell bent' on knocking down Perth's old building which have provided character to the city.

Please don't destroy a well built, beautiful old building that has so many happy memories for many in our city and which is part of the history of Perth.

How much money has the council wasted over this subject. Perth City Centre is dead and it is the council's fault. It is easy, make a decision and get on with that is what we pay you for.

Bring tourist information centre back to centre of Perth. City Hall would be perfect for this.

This unique building should be retained in Perth

I think the facade could be retained and used as a focal point for an area behind. An open or partly open facade would act as a frame for St John's Kirk and the area in front of it. An attractive open area could be used for the farmers and continental markets and for other open air events as well as a space that could be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

Do not ruin and spoil Perth any further by removing yet another irreplaceable landmark.

Get rid of it - in a modern society, it is a dinosaur.

I strongly disagree with the demolition idea as the building is beautiful.

Demolition of the city hall in my opinion the only sensible option. Creating a pleasant and interesting open space with water feature etc will give Perth the heart it needs and deserves.

Do not demolish reuse for small businesses. Demolish Woolworths building to create public space within City Centre. Use parks for events both in summer and winter. Make full use of waterfront for events and seasonal decorations. Encourage both small and large businesses to take up empty premises on high street. Improve area surrounding city hall and high street to match paving surroundings on St John's Street paving is dangerous and uneven. Encourage different kinds of shops on high street and surrounding streets. Do not complain and discourage businesses when they make the effort to stand out from the crowd. Bring more colour into Perth and bring new life into the fading city, Perth has the ability to be one of the most amazing cities in the UK. Breathe new life into this town but please keep its historic buildings be proud and celebrate Perth's history. We can move with the times without wasting this amazing building. Modernise this building and make it a symbol for what Perth can be all about. A true cultural centre and exciting place to live and work.

Please do not let this building become another eyesore, like the St Paul's Kirk, which is not only an eyesore, it is surely now at an extremely dangerous state - I cross the road rather than walk beside it. For the sake of the city's economy more parking is key to its success and disabled people should be encouraged to come, not discriminated by the lack of suitable parking. Action should be taken sooner than later to improve the centre of Perth before it is too late and people start going to other towns to shop. The council should also consider how to improve the Retail Park at St Catherine's road, which is a total disgrace - the car park is a wreck and these empty units hardly encourage shoppers.

Knock it down and re use the material to sort out Perth High street which needs to be totally relaid. How many more empty buildings do the council want to add to their property portfolio?? You'd think in these current times you'd be eager to sell properties regardless of market conditions. Instead you're paying out maintenance on properties that are not going to be utilised again - Glebe School, Cherrybank School, Whitefriars, Mill Street Offices. Why have these not been sold on?????

It would be good to have back in the centre shops like greengrocers (only in Perth), at present have to go to Homebase or further B&Q for a few screws, and some of the businesses previously covered by Woolworths - gardening etc.

The classical front part of the building must be retained. To demolish it would be an appalling act of civic vandalism. I suggest a solution that might satisfy the demolishers and preserves as well as being a sap to those who think a huge windswept open square would be an asset in our climate. Perth is already endowed with a large amount of open space, also there is now a little used waste open area between the Concert hall and the back of the art gallery. 1.

Demolish the lesser hall at the rear of the city hall, this creating your desired additional open space, but ones of reasonable proportions. 2. Remove the stone infill panels of the side of the main hall, returning the supporting pillars, and replace the roof with a lightweight glazed structure. This would provide an open but weather protected covered area similar to many

continental covered markets and could be used in that way or as a site for other events and activities. Finally please, please do not allow the development quality officer for Nick Brian to have any great say in the eventual final decision. His supreme arrogance in a number of recent cases is beyond belief, dismissing substantial objections as irrelevant and evidently believing that he knows better than anyone else!

The city hall must not be allowed to deteriorate indefinitely. This revival as an active centre focus point in Perth is imperative as soon as acceptable plans have been chosen it should be put into action immediately. It will be impossible to please everyone, but so far a creative plan with vision of the 21st century as soon as possible. Thank you!

Why do you not rent out the city hall to a company who would cover the expenses of renovation etc. Definitely not for shops or retail use. Other cities have used their buildings for the future of the younger people. I have visited such buildings and was very impressed. Arriving at 10-30 am leaving at 4.00pm having the children with me we did not have to go outside for a meal and the kids had a great time. Playing golf, Ten pin bowling and climbing wall frames. If you rented out the halls to a company they would of course make it profitable to them but the council would have the rent from the buildings. I know any empty buildings is still having to be maintained that is dead money

we do not want more open spaces open for vandals and drinkers

Ultimately I think SOMETHING has to be done, there's been enough sitting about and waiting. And one reuse has already fallen through, are we to wait another couple of years, go through the tendering process etc only for that to happen again. Creating a space for the public to use (for markets, events, even just a nice spot to sit and eat your lunch) is, in my opinion, the best use for the ground on which the hall currently stands. I would strongly be against the council subsidising a re-use of the hall, we are already subsidising Horsecross and the concert hall, which was meant to replace the city hall. Alternatively the council sells the hall, makes money from the sale (which it puts back into Perth) and leaves it up to the developer.

In setting on the City hall, gives a wonderful opportunity to create an open and heart to Perth. Somewhere central as a meeting place and where exciting events can take place.

As a council tax payer, I do not want to pay for annual upkeep whatever the use. Would welcome something that is historical to try and reinstate Perth as a historic city rather than the only town only where that it is becoming.

No new building erected on the site of the city hall would look as attractive as the current 'B' list building. The new building would not blend in with the surrounding building. The symmetry of the square would be destroyed. I would say a definite no to any new building most new buildings designed by the architects are dreadful to look at too much glass and concrete. They are functional but not very attractive to look at. St John's square designed 100 years ago using attractive sandstone would not be so nice if the square was redesigned today. What happened to the post office building at the corner of the High St? Does the same fate lie in store for the city hall? What happened to Market Nether? An attractive narrow street disappeared there should be very good reasons before any visited building is demolished. We have to protect the heritage of the town. The city hall should be re-used for other purposes.

The Perth council should listen to the people of Perth we do not want the city hall demolished.

The council need to remember that we voted them in we can vote them out again

Think of our future young people bring Perth City up to today's thinking. Perth City Hall was superb. Pass tense

There is too much said about St John's Church. If it was not for its age with the poor congregation it has it could be closed. No matter where you start the church can be seen. So why knock the city hall down for the few who say let's see the church.

Should never have been shut should be enough events for both to be working if not more advertising. It is a far more impressive building to keep and will be standing for a lot more years to come.

I suggest that the city hall should be available for recreational activities for which the concert hall is unsuitable - horticultural shows, for example in which the public can actively involved. People like Andy Murray's mum look for indoor sports facilities and even she might find time to come to a meeting and suggest possible clubs / activities. Once again look at Stirling planners. Its almost identical design to Perth's town hall is used for many activities take a leaf out of their book. An open space where the town hall stands would create a meeting place to drop

cigarette ends, bottles, cans and generally increase cost of cleaning up.

This lovely building is about a piece of local history so it should be kept.

Perhaps closing the city hall was a bad idea. I can't recall being asked whether the new concert hall cost of 20 billion pounds was a good idea. When a few renovations to the city hall would have been fine if I remember rightly the city hall was rewired and decorated not so long ago.

To demolish would be an act of vandalism.

The city hall is a substantial, well built masonry structure showing no apparent signs of deterioration on the outside. To demolish the existing building entirely or in part in order to create an open space would be an act of vandalism and would not make financial sense. The ground level area would be capable of accommodating the farmers markets and other activities all of which would have the advantage of being indoors and not at the mercy of inclement weather. The upper level of the hall could be converted into retail / office units which would be available for renting out or retention as council offices, the cost of which would be a financial advantage to the council. The need for an open space in the city centre is not paramount as Perth has the spaces which would provide adequate space to accommodate such events and markets which are too large for the city hall. The distance from the spaces to the city centre is not so great that visitors attending the events would be inhibited from visiting the shops and restaurants in the city centre, particularly if these establishments have a good reputation for providing good quality food and service.

You can already make it into flats and leave the outside the way it is

Do not demolish the city hall it will be standing long after that modern white elephant hits the dust. You would not be allowed to do that in the rest of Britain where they appreciate historic buildings

Retain the Perth City Hall and restore it to its rightful place. No other building could ever compare. Perth City Hall is a real treasure and will outlive Perth concert hall.

Afternoon entertainment for Summer visitors

Although I feel the council should carry out further marketing of city halls I would also like to see what use were made of it in its final say years in use. On my weekly visits I would notice there were often events there in that period.

If or when Perth gains city status, I feel it is only but right that a historic listed building such as the present city hall should if most wholly then partially be retained where it is meant to be in the heart of the city

I cannot imagine the good people of City of Dundee ever allowing the Caird Hall to be demolished which is used for all types of activities, concerts - conferences etc. Why don't we restore and over half the city hall. We didn't need a concert hall.

What is needed is a open space in the middle of the town - free from cars and traffic. Some trees and shrubs - some round arranged free seating not belonging to the cafes on the north side.

Demolition would open up the city centre, creating more space. The area has St. John's church, cafes and shopping mall on its perimeter. These are also attractions to be used and viewed. By introducing a green area this would enhance these amenities further. There is also the option of improving the layout of the farmers / european markets making them visually more appealing

I would like to see the city hall reopened so that it can be used as a venue for Scottish country dances. There is no other suitable venue of a decent size in the Perth area. Even places like Blairgowrie and Coupar Angus have suitable halls so why doesn't Perth?

Perth already has many empty retail units - these should be filled before more are built. A pleasant square with markets & other events surrounded by cafes & restaurants such as those currently around the city hall should help tourism. This bringing economic benefit to the city as a whole

1) Festival time again the city hall in the centre of town is an ideal venue for all classes strangers and locals passing would all look stop and walk in. St Leonards - in the fields is out of the way and possibly not known by many perform in Perth is going on there. You can only go upstairs. Difficult to hear judges comments. 2) The benches which have replaced the seating in the mall plus the empty shops is no longer an attractive area to walk through stop dithering it is costing us money bring more businesses into the town take a look at Dundee. regeneration of the water front. the overgate with its varied shops and eating places

perth is going down hill. what are the councillors doing? encourage new business, shops and better shows at the concert hall

The City hall should be subsidised only to a certain extent. Consult Mr Linacre. Been in Perth since 1935, until today never noticed the date of taps in McEwens Ladies. - 1901!!

Business Survey

1. What type of business/organisation do you run?

Value	Count	Percent
Retail	57	27.01%
Office	29	13.74%
Restaurant/Café/Food outlet	19	9.00%
Cultural	5	2.37%
Charity/voluntary organisation	4	1.90%
Public House	4	1.90%
Heritage	1	0.47%
Other (Please specify)	92	43.60%
Total Responses:	211	

2. Is your business/organisation situated within the St John

Value	Count	Percent
No	161	75.94%
Yes	51	24.06%
Total Responses:	212	

3. How long have you been at your current premises?

Value	Count	Percent
More than 20 Years	16	0.3019
Under 5 Years	14	0.2642
Under 10 Years	12	0.2264
Under 20 Years	11	0.2075
Total Responses:	53	

4. How satisfied are you with Perth City Centre?

Value	Count	Percent
Dissatisfied	83	38.97%
Satisfied	52	24.41%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	43	20.19%
Very dissatisfied	34	15.96%
Very satisfied	1	0.47%
Total Responses:	213	

5. Which of the following would encourage people to come to Perth City Centre more often?

Value	Count	Percent
Events	148	69.81%
Cultural activities	123	58.02%
Outdoor public meeting/activity space	114	53.77%
Additional shops	98	46.23%
Better transport links	46	21.70%
Additional places to eat	32	15.09%
Other	75	35.37%
Total Responses:	212	

6. Which of the following options for the City Hall do you support most?

Value	Count	Percent
Demolish the City Hall	111	52.11%
Re-use the City Hall building	54	25.35%
Partially demolish the City Hall	24	11.27%
Demolish the City Hall and build on part of the space	12	5.63%
Do nothing until economic climate improves	12	5.63%
Total Responses:	213	

7. Please state the reasons for your answer to the above.

Value	Count	Percent
This option will most benefit the local economy in general	130	60.75%
This option will improve the setting of St John's Kirk	123	57.48%
There is no potential for it to be converted to alternative uses	70	32.71%
The building has no historic or architectural value	49	22.90%
This option offers potential for both a new high quality building and public space	32	14.95%
This option will most benefit my business/organisation	26	12.15%
The economic climate needs to improve to give a better chance of finding the best solution for the City Hall	20	9.35%
Investment in other options may offer potential greater economic benefit but in the current economic climate the Council should focus spending on other priorities	12	5.61%
Other	70	32.71%
Total Responses:	214	

8. If part or all of the City Hall is to be re-used what should it be used for?

Value	Count	Percent
Cultural activity	60	31.09%
Don't know	30	15.54%
Retail	28	14.51%
Other	75	38.86%
Total Responses:	193	

9. Would your business/organisation be interested in occupying space within the City Hall if part of or all of it is to be retained and converted?

Value	Count	Percent
No	171	81.43%
Don't Know	26	12.38%
Yes part of it	12	5.71%
Yes all of it	1	0.48%
Total Responses:	210	

10. Please indicate what your business/organisation would be interested in using space within the building for?

Value	Count	Percent
Retail	7	53.85%
Cultural activity	2	15.38%
Restaurant/café use	2	15.38%
Other	2	15.38%
Total Responses:	13	

11. Would your business/organisation be interested in occupying space within a new building created on the City Hall site if it is to be demolished?

Value	Count	Percent
No	174	83.65%
Don't Know	22	10.58%
Yes	12	5.77%
Total Responses:	208	

12. Please indicate what your business/organisation would be interested in using space within the building for?

Value	Count	Percent
Retail	7	58.33%
Cultural Activity	1	8.33%
Restaurant/café use	1	8.33%
Other	3	25.00%
Total Responses:	12	

13. Do you think the Council should carry out further marketing of the City Hall to find out whether there are other possible uses for the building?

Value	Count	Percent
No	143	67.45%
Yes	61	28.77%
Don't know	8	3.77%
Total Responses:	212	

14. Should the Council subsidise the re-use of the City Hall?

Value	Count	Percent
No	128	60.66%
Yes	66	31.28%
Don't know	17	8.06%
Total Responses:	211	

15. If the City Hall is demolished or partly demolished what should the resulting space be used for?

Value	Count	Percent
Attractive space	38	17.92%
Markets	27	12.74%
Outdoor public meeting/activity space	24	11.32%
Events	16	7.55%
Don't know	9	4.25%
Pavement cafés	7	3.30%
Other	91	42.92%
Total Responses:	212	

16. Would your business/organisation be interested in using any public space that was created?

Value	Count	Percent
No	130	61.32%
Don't know	49	23.11%
Yes	33	15.57%
Total Responses:	212	

17. Please indicate what your business/organisation would be interested in using any public space for?

Value	Count	Percent
Events	10	30.30%
Markets	9	27.27%
Pavement cafés (This option is only applicable to St John's area businesses)	5	15.15%
Other	9	27.27%
Total Responses:	33	

18. Would your business/organisation be willing to contribute to the development costs of creating a public space?

Value	Count	Percent
No	175	82.16%
Don't Know	28	13.15%
Yes	10	4.69%
Total Responses:	213	

19. Would your business/organisation be willing to contribute to the operational and maintenance costs of a public space?

Value	Count	Percent
No	177	83.49%
Don't Know	27	12.74%
Yes	8	3.77%
Total Responses:	212	

20. Should the Council continue to fund maintenance of the City Hall until there is more public or private funding available when the economic climate improves?

Value	Count	Percent
No	114	54.55%
Yes	77	36.84%
Don't Know	18	8.61%
Total Responses:	209	

21. If we do nothing at the moment, how long do you think we should wait for the economy to change?

Value	Count	Percent
2 Years	61	30.65%
Don't know	33	16.58%
5 Years	16	8.04%
Indefinitely	10	5.03%
Other (please specify)	79	39.69%
Total Responses:	199	

Do you have any final comments or suggestions?

As per previous answer, it is not financially viable to use the building for specialist retailing in Perth. We believe this to be the case no matter what the general economic position is. This is why so many small retailers pulled out of the previous development.

Perth City Centre has nothing to attract the public and the town hall area is a great waste of space. An open area will be very attractive and will be used for markets on a regular basis and perhaps outdoor ice rink in the winter.

We have wonderful public spaces in the form of the North and South Inches, riverside walks and very open pedestrianised streets. We also have the area by the Mercat Cross where many young people gather. I do not consider that we need yet another open space. We do not need any more shops either considering the number already out of business due to current economic climate. I was very much against the closure of the City Hall but accept that it happened and that we must move on and make the best possible use of the Hall in future. The Concert Hall is a very good conference facility. I could accept that the area of the Lesser City Hall might be demolished and suggest that the remainder is adapted for affordable cultural purposes.

The demolition of the hall to create a public space/key focal point within the city centre is something that should have been pursued at the time the new concert hall was proposed. The creation of a high quality public space would help to put Perth back on the map and also help to show that the council is serious about attracting future investment and making decisions that prove that PKC has a well planned vision for Perth city centre.

I know it's been a long, painful and convoluted process that led all of us to nothing being made. Frustration can lead to bad judgement and bad decisions being taken. While I understand a big building in the middle of town not producing a profit - but costing in preventative maintenance - is a burden, the added architectonic value to the area is invaluable. if more retail or office space is needed, the whole of Woolworth's building is free. There's NO need for more office/shops space in town, there's a sour need for parking with a less extortionate cost then on street 70p for 10 minutes parking.

I do think that this is a once in a lifetime chance to reinvent the centre of our town. It would make Perth truly different - I can't think of another large town that has the benefit of such a large open space. I am sure that a multitude of uses will arise from the availability of the space which will make Perth a real talking point. It's worth pointing out that the only reason I have said that we would not be prepared to help pay towards the maintenance of the space is that our business is a fledgling operation just looking to break into retail in Perth. We are in no

position to pay towards this at present, but I can quite see how more established businesses might.

The City hall is an unattractive building which blocks the view of the surrounding area. I feel that we should try and create the feeling of the area around Dundee Rep and the DCA and create a cultural quarter in the centre of Perth.

The previous proposals via Wharfside were flawed and in hindsight never stood up to a sound financial investment - Perth is Perth & not Edinburgh or Glasgow - A Princes Square would not be sustainable in Perth, without ruining the existing Retail Use Be bold - demolish the City Hall & create a vibrant open space, let the business's flourish and expand in the area - the recent example of the success of the new Tapa's bar is there to be built on. Ultimately you will enhance the setting of one of the most iconic buildings in Perth ie St John's Kirk of Perth, which has stood since 1126 If an application was submitted now to build the City Hall so close to the Kirk it would be rejected, the opportunity exists to hand the 'space back' Act now.!

am happy to present my ideas if requested. Tourism is a major industry in Scotland and Perthshire in general, my ideas would hopefully start a new tourism outlet and bring new visitors to Perth maybe staying overnight based on what events undertaken.

I strongly feel that a roofed, pillared, open public space using the facade of the city hall as the only wall is an idea worthy of consideration. The farmers market is a Perthshire success story and wouldn't it be good to a) open up the space that the city hall uses b) stick the market in that space keeping the roads/streets clear for better access? This option creates a functional and highly flexible area which is also spacious and visually pleasing. The roof is key as this shields the area from the Scottish weather whilst allowing the space to remain open. Also, the roof could be a modern architectural feature and this alongside the facade would, in some respects, tick all the boxes. I.e. something of the city hall (part of the city's heritage) remains, an opportunity to create a new and modern structure is created (roof & pillars) and the space is there to open up the area visually and create a highly flexible space which could be used immediately for the farmer's markets.

I believe using the main structure and then remodelling inside will give the greatest benefit and return to potential investors and users.

No

No

No

The Hall is a bit of a puzzle - it's got some architectural value but the space is not very usable and its use as an auditorium has been eclipsed by the Horsecross Centre. It could also be argued that it would be a good idea to have an outdoor focal point for the city centre piazza-style with a mix of outdoor cafes and events but at other times a clean square. If quality retail outlets cafes and restaurants are encouraged to occupy the peripheral sides of the square this would provide a further incentive for people to visit the centre and indeed to have a central focus.

We could never again afford to build such a beautiful building, the fascia at least must be saved and cleaned up. One of the attractions of Perth City is the Georgian buildings. Cities such as Bath and Glasgow are doing an excellent job with their Georgian Buildings working in partnership with private developers.

The council should be seen to be making a pleasant seating /garden area for the centre of Perth -after all the FAIR city. Imagine the light and space created when that old grey dull building has gone. The new Horsecross is adequate for all other functions as already proven. There is such need for a print workshop - like the GPS, DCA and Edinburgh printmakers. Having more cultural spaces - small venues (for bands) - independent retailers. Workshops for craft and art programmes. Also recording studios and gallery spaces. Then also have it integrated with a climbing wall and places for fitness and soft play. Think not so much about more retail but cultural and activity based things. Only independent retailers allowed. People with a small turnover that may make their own stock - artists, jewelers, potters, designers, instrument makers etc. Then have cafes, restaurants and bars that sell food home made and bars that sell real ales and beers. restrictions to be made on the application. Encourage business for the everyman.

Perth has lost the plot and shops are struggling . there are fewer spaces to park and too many empty shops. Retail parks are poorly positioned and the most central park is poorly supported.

Previously I rated Perth head and shoulders above Dundee but it is now the opposite.

St Johns church with a piazza in front of it would look brilliant

Q20 and 21 - contributions to the creation of an open space and ongoing maintenance would be subject to having some more information of the likely costs involved.

Perth City Centre can once more be a beautiful place. At the moment St Johns Sq is like a morgue void of atmosphere due to the lack of pedestrians. If work doesn't start soon on the City Hall it will just end up as another eyesore like St Pauls Church.

Really important to create a 'civic square' as a focus for the other city activities in Perth. Half-way there already with the numbers of eating places in the immediate vicinity. Open space here could make a huge contribution to the pleasantness of the Perth urban environment. Get rid of this useless building that has outlived its purpose.

As a rural Community Council we have no direct locus in Perth City Centre. However we would envisage a vibrant centre which would combine attractive shopping and leisure activities which would counteract the growing trend of out of town shopping centres. Thus keeping the heart and soul of the City in the centre of Perth. We fear that an open space in the Centre is not the right solution, unless it can house very attractive open air activities on a regular and probably daily basis.

Set up a well funded architectural competition, run by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, for a new public square including some retractable translucent tensile structure, narrow it down to 5 finalists and let the public have an input on the winner. Appoint a Scottish architect and not a signature architect from the South.

I'm delighted to be consulted but will anyone pay any attention? The people of Scone voted convincingly against a recent supermarket development, yet the planning official, ironically labelled as

demolish and redevelop the space

Why don't you look at smartening up the buildings? Yorkshire many years ago spent money on cleaning their stone buildings to get rid of the grime from the woollen mills and what a difference. Instead of objecting to brightly coloured shops encourage others to brighten themselves up. The City is so depressing even on a bright sunny day. Clear the drunks out of the place. Get rid of the Waverley Hotel which now dominates the corner by the Library. In the 21 years I have lived here I have seen Perth go from a nice friendly place with good different shops to a soulless dirty town. We went on holiday to Carmarthenshire and were so impressed with how clean and bright every town was. Good public toilets, all clean and fresh even in the outlying villages. Not what you want to hear I am sure.

The last thing Perth needs is a great big empty space slap bang in the middle of town. We have enough drug users and alcoholics occupying these spaces in town already. Tourists don't come to towns/cities to see open spaces. I have never heard of anyone going off to Edinburgh or Glasgow to see some open space, they go for shopping or entertainment.

It would be good to find a new home for the Organ within the Perth area where it could be played regularly in public.

I feel strongly that the City Hall be demolished and the area be used as a meeting space. Or have potential as a place to hold live events. Would work well with setting of St. Johns and cafes around edge. Definitely no call to turn it into a retail space.

Keep at least some of Perth's history, instead of making it a carbon copy of every other town and city throughout the UK.

Questions 20 and 21 do not leave an option to give a reason for the answer. The council already pay for the maintenance of an un-used building therefore the funds would be transferred to the public area. If there are cafes/markets then the business will be paying rents/rates therefore paying towards the maintenance of the area.

It is really difficult. Open space has attractions

Referring to Q7, in terms of attracting people to visit Perth City Centre more often, I feel that there is a lack of dedicated areas where local artists and craftsmen/women are able to market their wares. We are fairly new to the city having only been here a few years and are not fully conversant with the work that has been done with regard to investigating the various options available to turn the city hall into a profitable entity, but it seems as though there may be an opportunity to convert the City Hall into an indoor market where the public will have access to numerous artists whose wares are displayed in a professional retail environment. We moved

here from South Africa a few years ago and now own a craft retail shop in the High Street which has been fairly successful in it's growing stages having only opened in late 2008. In SA we were avid supporters of a venture to which I alluded earlier called The Crafters Market - this was an indoor market space where crafters rented floor space on a monthly basis and were then responsible for producing, stocking and marketing their wares - sales and the management of the overall facility was provided to the stall owners by a dedicated retail team whose responsibility lay in the total operation of the facility as if it were their own shop - all sales were recorded through a central barcoded retail system and crafters were then charged a monthly percentage of sales to cover the running costs, salaries, cleaning etc. Rentals would be charged at a rate whereby the levies and council taxes would be covered whilst still making it an affordable venture for prospective tenants. There is a huge local Perth population of excellent artists, cardmakers, jewellers, scrapbookers, potters and photographers whom I'm sure would appreciate the opportunity to be able to sell their goods 'in abstentia' as it were, leaving them free to continue with their artistic endeavours and produce more goods for sale. I must emphasise that this facility would not be a jumble sale / car boot sale-type of enterprise - goods sold in the proposed market would be new and produced by local craftsmen and women and would therefor not interfere with already established charity shops dealing in second-hand goods.

Make an open space where the markets which currently take place in front of City Hall can take place more regularly. Use this space also for cultural and other events and allow proprietors of the restaurants and cafes to use part of the space for a fee on occasions when it is not being used for markets or other events. Make the historic church the true focal point of this area I think it is important to reach a conclusion as soon as possible, the Council are wasting good resources looking after an empty building, which is now not fit for purpose. The creation of a public space could be utilised and used for various different events /occasions therefore benefitting the economy of Perth City The regeneration of a vibrant and cultural city centre is essential for Perth and its people

I think it was a terrible waste of a fantastic building to have closed it in the first place. To leave it as is for who knows how much longer serves no public interest at all.

A new 'City Square' with a mix of new businesses and a Tourist Office would enhance the centre of Perth. It would also be necessary for compulsory improvement to the frontages of existing premises. This would perhaps encourage a major store to purchase an existing property thus providing a central focus.

It's a disgrace that in this length of time, there's been no progress whatsoever and Perth & Kinross Council must have carried out consultations already. The developers who were interested and submitted proposals should be held responsible for some of the maintenance costs rather than just walking away. The City Hall was an iconic building and for those of us brought up in Perthshire holds many treasured memories. The frontage at least should be maintained with the remainder being refurbished so that it can once again become a vibrant place within the city centre. The money that must have been wasted over the last 5 years could have gone towards some of the refurbishment costs.

Ease the parking and reduce some of you rentals to encourage people into you town!!

I think the City Hall should be demolished completely to provide an open area around the City Centre. That would leave an ideal space for markets thereby adding character to the area. To partial demolish would not be attractive.

All the consultations have already been done on this building and while the economic climate has deteriorated in the meantime it is not so vastly different to when this was done. The city hall played a vital role in the heart of the city that the concert hall, even by way of its title does not fulfill

As I say re-develop it for Retail use or incorporate it into St Johns give attractive tenancy packages for occupancy attract National chains back into Perth from surrounding Dundee and Stirling.

Any project that is undertaken will be subject to a very restrained budget no doubt .However an open flexible space with possibly semi permanent/ dismantleable structures and soft landscaping would allow many larger types of activities to take place. ie open air concerts. Submersable pods that could be used as market stalls, coffee/teas, craft stalls etc etc Think Covent Garden, with wind chill!

While there are a high number of empty shop units in town and in the St Johns center it seems unlikely that building a new shopping or retail center in place of the city hall will lead to anything other than an emptying of further high st stores from their current location to the new venue making the situation worse. I would like to see a use made of the current city hall that would make it a major contribution to the public and appeal to a wide age range. Something along the lines of a large scale community center that has an area for entertaining under 18's, offers classes and the like maybe on behalf of the college for open learning and possibly activities for the elderly. This would see the hall in regular use at a variety of times of day. It also provides a location for under 18's to go and lower the number of youths simply hanging out in the town center at night which is a problem. Involving the police in a low key manner with the community center has produced great results in similar projects held within the country and seen crime rates fall. All this could be achieved by simply changing the interior to suit multiple uses with a variety of sizes of rooms and could involve generating a number of new job vacancies in Perth at the same time.

I am tired of visitors asking what this big block of granite is, it serves no purpose and I cannot see a return on it for the Council or the local community within any reasonable timescale. Please bring it down and open the space up, the maintenance of an open space cannot be more of a burden for a local taxpayer than an upkeep of an empty disused building and the benefits more obvious.

The future of the Hall has been under discussion for long enough; I don't see the value in further procrastination. Pull it down and give Perth an attractive open space at its opening up the view of the Kirk.

As one of the most successful farmers markets in Scotland we are finding it very difficult to invite more producer/stallholders as we have no space and electricity supply is a big problem. If the city hall was demolished it would open up a fantastic open space mainly surrounded by striking buildings such as the church to which the public could come even just to sit, there is no focal point in the city centre. The space could be used for existing farmers, craft, international and art markets all of whom have to operate in less than ideal circumstances currently. There is already demand for such a space and I am sure many other events and organisations could be encouraged to use it as well as providing an attractive space for the rest of the time.

A well developed City Hall will attract new retailers, restaurants owners and galleries. This in turn will attract more people to Perth and Perthshire. Action should be taken now to address this as costs of development are at a low just now. If you wait any longer, the costs will increase, which will increase the rent and put off a number of very good operators.

Cut rates on empty properties to landlords that keep that property in good visual and internal condition to enhance the town rather than allowing properties to go into a bad state of repair giving Perth a very shoddy appearance at the moment. We need to keep Perth looking vibrant or people go elsewhere and Dundee and Stirling are too close to rest on our laurels!

Mistakes have already been made - it is now a case of damage limitation and steps need to be taken urgently by Perth & Kinross Council to go forward positively instead of sitting on the fence which is what is regularly happening

Just get on and knock it down. By the time the economy picks up the city will have developed a much more attractive central space

We require an open space for families to use as a relaxing area or to view ongoing events. A longer list of events could be organised for the city centre and attract more members of the public and kickstart the economy

Take the bull by the horns and get it down. There will always be strident conservative voices who would change nothing, but if they had had their way in recent history the town would not have many of its fine features today. Perth needs to be about progress balanced with quality, as it is indeed a quality town, and keeping that balance is what has given us the Perth of today. Freezing it in time is not an option if that balance is to be maintained. The current councils legacy should be based on what it decided to do, not what it decided not to do. With pavement cafes and interesting little shops already present along the north side, the old church to the east, and the war memorial to the west, only the south face of the space remains very dull and would need radical change. The potential for a lively piazza/city square is actually rather exciting. Much more so than having an ugly mothballed old object sitting in its place inhibiting

growth right in the core of the town..

Unfortunately I have had to answer that we wouldn't want to use the hall for our business. If we were in retail, then I would seriously think about it.

The Scottish Govt are endeavouring to generate a 10 billion pound tourist industry for Scotland, Perth has the potential to be the hub and the food capital of this ambitious aspiration and the area currently being used by the city hall has the potential to be the focus of the Food Capital of Scotland. There is enough space there to create an ambitious clear covered area capable of holding markets, pavement cafes, evening open air events be it cultural, musical, or food related. Perth already has the enviable reputation as a great place to visit, if this space was used properly, it could be the best city centre attraction in the country. Please be ambitious and let Perth grow to all it has the potential to be.

I can think of no other single project that would have the capacity to transform this fair city more than the removal of the City Hall and the creating of a multi use City Square. At last this delightful city would have a 'centre' that would not only be a great place to spend time and money for residents and locals. But would also be a draw for tourists. It is a win win win proposal.

The Chamber view has always been that no action is not an option and our stance remains unchanged.

Allow cars to park and drive freely round the town square again. Allow cars to park on streets and do away with the '70s' style one way system that doesn't suit a Georgian grid street system. If all streets were two way again (as they were) the town center could prosper again. I walked along St John Street on Thursday 10th of December at 10am and I was the only person on the street. How on earth will the businesses be able to pay your much needed rates if this continues. It may be of interest to you but I once advised a woman who had lived in Perth for five years that she could find something she was looking for on George Street. She said This Council continues to dither on this matter. For once, forget retail solutions and look to providing something for the people in this city - a beautiful piazza. DO IT!!

I think my earlier sentiments are quite clear.

Perth needs to remember that it is a county capital serving the needs of the very large community that has been its lifeblood for centuries. It seems to be bent on its Perth is a great place to live. With a bit of imagination and a 'full picture' plan of the full city centre I think it could become one of Scotland's most popular places to visit. We need to have some unique selling points: small train to take you around the centre from the car parks - popular with children and making it easier for the elderly. Smarten up the main entrances to the city - make shop keepers improve their property. Add something extra - similar to the wrought iron balustrades in Pitlochry. Get the shop keepers to prepare and run a campaign to be 'Britain's friendliest stores' by making sure they do not keep their eye on the clock but welcome customers even at 5.25pm! More to it than that but they need to work together. Improve the lighting in the town to be more imaginative and perhaps have pictures projected onto blank walls. Do something about the empty shops - better to have a lower rent than to have them empty.

Businesses already contribute to the Council's costs of the existing and any planned redevelopment and/or demolition. Earlier questions suggest that we don't.

The council have in my opinion, brought the

As we have already said there is no option other than demolition

This survey, while welcome, is too prescriptive in the way answers could be given, which leads me to think that there is a pre-determined and preferred outcome. I would be pleased to contribute further, or participate in further consultations.

A quality of physical environment which retains the distinctive buildings of quality within the commercial core of Perth while providing a good choice of shops and services is essential to the future vitality/viability and cultural heritage value of the City - its distinctiveness in a world becoming increasingly the same. If we lose the historic core to any degree this impacts adversely on the individual quality of the City to its longstanding/permanent detriment. Shops will come as will some buildings but buildings such as the City hall should be a forever part of the cultural heritage of Perth.

The future of the City Hall needs to be considered in tandem with the Mill Street development and not in isolation.

THE COUNCIL MUST PRIORITISE THEIR SERVICES IN THIS CURRENT CLIMATE. IF THE BUILDING CAN BE SOLD OFF TO A SOUND INVESTOR WITH PERTH'S INTEREST AT HEART IT SHOULD BE DONE.

It seems that leaving the building sitting there would create or add to a general feeling of abandonment to the city centre. I know there's not endless money to sort things out and it's tight for the Council at the moment with cuts being made all over, but leaving the building to rot is not going to improve the city centre. There was a letter in the PA talking about it being a covered area and it would make sense with the scottish weather. Part of it could be demolished leaving an open square, letting St John's Kirk have more space, and part could be retained as a space for exhibitions, shops, markets, stalls, events etc. Possibly very tough to make this work financially but could really bring a buzz to the centre again.

the old city hall could hold many small business lock-ups with an area being kept for special uses i.e. antique fairs, book fairs etc, but the daily Market stalls/units would generate a regular income, small music events could be held there which may be too small for say the conference hall.....new bands, etc, etc. It appears car owners are victimized in the town center area with many traffic wardens but when at 3.30pm once or twice a week a 32 tonne articulated vehicle arrives in South Street and has to double park using one of the 2 traffic lanes to off load for up to 45 minutes the wardens do nothing, but will still book vehicles for being parked in excess of their time or not displaying a current disabled sticker. Surely a fixed time could be allowed each week say Tuesday & Friday 3.15 till 4.15pm for the lorry to off load and no cars allowed to park in that area from say 3.00 till 4.15pm. Perhaps some of those who are unfortunately unemployed could receive an extra benefit for collecting trollies from car-parks and returning them to high street or even pushing the ladened trollies back to peoples cars. Shoppers could then receive discount for parking...maybe up to 4hrsshopping and eating, Matalan use a Scheme where they reimburse 50p. If one spends over £10 in an establishment then perhaps 50p could be given of goods towards parking ticket with a stamp being used on the ticket to show the fact. Then perhaps a limit of 4 hrs coverage could be allowed. Naturally Pubs or off licences would not be allowed to give this discount treatment

please at list do someting !!!!!!!!!

As we are not directly involved in Perth life, for us it would be best to have a central welcoming space to sit in or look at from the existing cafes in the summer. Visitors to our cottages would also appreciate an area to sit and enjoy the existing buildings around the area in question. Please no more shops or cultural - those that are in Perth are lovely and no need to crowd them out.

it is an attractive and historic building in the heart of Perth, if you wish to go for something more modern then all be it, but we have another concert hall lookalike which isnt too negative but how can you possibly justify the millions to make it so, and unless managed properly with a great amount of potential resources to public and tourists then its pie in the sky.

Never mind worrying about the city hall worry about your city centre and get it to more of a quality shopping destination where people would be delighted to come and visit.

Opening up the space by demolishing the building would create a beautiful light filled town centre. The pavement cafe's there already would attract more visitors and the already successful farmers market could expand. Outdoor events during the year would draw in more visitors. In terms of developing the economic side of Perth city centre, time and money should be spent to attract business owners to the many vacant retail opportunities on the high St and surrounding streets. Having an attractive town centre with a european style cafe culture would help draw new businesses and visitors to Perth. I think the council could think about having a feature such as a sculpture/ fountain.. a piece of public art in the centre of the space where the hall currently is. The hall casts a gloomy shadow on the centre of Perth. Lets look forward to a positive future for Perth as a shopping/ tourist destination. I think a bright pedestrian only centre would be the best way forward.

As a surveyor it is clear to see that the city hall location causes a problem. The building blocks light to the surrounding area and it has no real frontage because it can be approached from all sides. This makes it difficult for any user to establish the value of the space and uncertainty results in indecision and this is part of the reason why we are at this point. The existing building cannot be developed into anything worthwhile although there may be merit in investigating retention of the front section to benefit tourist information to help attract visitors to the centre. I

think clearance is the best option by far and if anything is to be rebuilt I would look to improve the frontage of the St Johns shopping centre on this elevation and this could be brought out to the main frontage line with adjoining shops (Lloyds TSB etc). Please don't wait until the economy improves. The opportunity will just disappear and you will be left with a compromised shopping area, diminishing shop values and a declining business district.

My concern is that we end up with another St Pauls which is a beautiful building but is an eyesore in the centre and we do not need another. A nice public space, well monitored, could provide a place for big celebrations and coming together of the community on nights like Hogmanay or switching on of Christmas lights etc. The feedback I get from tourists and people returning to Perth after a number of years is that Perth has lost its sparkle and clean cut image and is now second rate. I see the decline myself since I came here in 2004. I feel this is an opportunity to lift the city to its former standard.

When you went ahead with the new concert hall you should have had a vision as to the best forward plan for the city hall - but sadly you knew that retail was never going to work as when a large group take it - the rents are always extortionate. You have to remember that you are dealing with a little market town of 45,000 people. Best for city hall would be TOURIST BOARD ART AND CRAFT SPACE MARKET CAFE BUSINESS OFFICES ALTOGETHER . -

The Civic Trust has presented a written submission for consideration. It gives the broader perspective of our view. The decision to support demolition has not been easy for us to take given the origins of our constitution and it is with some reluctance that we have chosen that option. However there is an overwhelming opinion that there is now little choice and PKC need to make a courageous decision and not leave the matter to languish any longer.

The Trust and Session for St John's Kirk have agreed and prepared a written submission in which they had little difficulty in supporting the option to demolish the building. This is seen as only choice that will achieve the PKC aim to 'enhance the setting of St John's Kirk'. The space created must be designed and must be sympathetic to and compliment the Kirk and surrounding area. PKC must display courage and take this decision sooner rather than later. Delay will simply prolong the depressing deterioration of this large building in the heart of Perth. A decision is required as soon as practicable. Taking no action is not an option if the Council is serious about revitalising the City Centre

irrespective of my business interests i feel the creation of a public space that would hopefully become the

I would emplace the council to be bad and support full demolish and then create a heart for the city centre which will all year round venue for eventie farmers makets winter festival. the removal of the city hall gives perth a chance to refocus and for local businesses in the area of a new space to benefit from the influx of people to the town but also the more local footfall to the town that also be lost.

Act quickly. give option to a developer and make it happen - Bigger picture

Please change owners name to Euan & Angela Dunn for Cafe Biba - we purchased it from Nacy Flynn over 18 months ago

We must do something soon St John's place is like morque

Please do something positive with this as i feel strongly that the city is in very serious danger . if nothing is done i shall move to another town

Demolish the city hall and encourage visitors which would benefit Perth in any economic climate if the council is prepared to be bold it could engage with the private sector to make the any proposals work. a appeal will be required in terms planning/ building centre conservation consent etc to ensure the parties are not put off by local government parties

Remember when you spend money it is not your money . it is my money & that of others who pay various taxes. to save money why not use unemployed or those doing community service to clean up the centre

its not only the city hall that has problems what about St Pauls church it is in a very poor and dangerous state of repair. The city hall holds memories in and around Perth for many people if the city hall was demolished the church would be at the end of the square and a market place could come into being at an early rate. a market held 3 or 4 times a week would bring more people into the centre of Perth

This questionnaire seems to be loaded to get certain answers - in law its content and findings

could possibly be disallowed. Get a group of local creative people to assist officers in promoting the re-use of these hall. Hall has been utilised in the past for a range of activities both by local and national groups. It paid its way. Grants have been decanted - for many the hall is a great loss. Perth is central in transport terms to most parts of Scotland. Update the kitchens to a required standard (must be a lot cheaper and less disruptive than demolition) Who would want to live or do business in central Perth while that was going on! Perth is increasing rapidly in size (area around) it will need a venue like the city hall soon if not now so save it - it makes good use of money to do so. Feel strongly that taking it down will bring Perth to national and possibly international notice - but not good publicity! Taking it down at a cost of £7,000,000 seems outrageous, is there a body of people within the Council completely lacking in reality or are they working not to serve P&K wisely. What does Historic Scotland have to say about demolition?

retailer so any use of the city hall/ space that involved specialist food would be of interest to us

i think the council has to make a decision now, before Perth becomes a ghost town and because people like me, who came too Perth and open a business, employ local people, brought some exciting new ideas to the people of Perth. it gets the council doesn't take local business needs in consideration. i think most of us will leave and invest somewhere else if the planning for ground goes ahead Perth city centre will be very much worse than it is at present

The city hall would be a great building for a nightclub

start consulting on the use of the space

if anything at all must be saved. then retain the frontage of the hall ie steps + pillars etc (a gate to the square)

i am a retailer who could not afford rent or rates in the city centre. 10 years ago the council turned down our requests to retail outwith the centre now look at retailing. at inverlmond (industrial) at Friarton at Dunkeld rd (motor mile) at Whitefriars (industrial) at Huntingtower (bib retail area) so the last thing Perth needs is new shops fill the empty ones!!

I think and others i have spoken with think that to demolish 90% of the city hall building would be an idea and create a space to hold events markets, this would also open up the Kirk which is currently hidden behind the hall. The frontage could be kept and this would be a good central point for the tourist info for the Fair City. The Scottish Rally could be started here with summer outdoor events including the Arts Festival could also be held here giving a central point etc. I think personally it's not rocket science what needs to be done. Perth needs change and too many people in Perth do not like change!!

Underground car parking will bring into the centre of Perth the customers the town requires.

The longer the building is un-used the worse the outlook is . Reinstate it as a hall available for various uses. There are things not suitable for the concert hall which could be accommodated in the city hall. We don't need more shops, we need to fill the ones we have empty. Open space in this situation would be dead space.

Empty spaces good in Italy. You can sit in the sun. Empty space in Perth - you want to get into the warm and dry space, let's be realistic! Significant that the Caird Hall empty space is full of plants and ornaments. What about involving our intelligent architect to redesign the interior and exterior with more glass and modern ideas.

The Christmas lights are a disappointment as they only cover part of the High Street and stop abruptly at Argos. Tay Street could also be utilised more effectively as it is very picturesque and one of Perth's jewels. A city square would benefit Perth greatly, it could be a place where people meet and watch events, markets could be held, outdoor Scottish music and dancing which would attract and please tourists and bring trade to the surrounding area.

Perth is a great city, and very attractive in places - however it seems to have lost its way and with that its confidence. A new square would be a fresh start a cafe society would follow - need inspiration George St Edinburgh! Good luck, be brave embrace much needed change

At present it is a unattractive depressing building which is total of putting nobody likes change but Perth city centre needs a commercial boost so demolish and move into 21st century

Perth needs somewhere which is modern & has more activities to get people involved. Nice public space with cafe's etc would help bring more people to Perth, and perhaps more

businesses/ stores. having it just sitting there doing nothing is a complete waste, this building could be made wonderful again with a new purpose
There is a desperate need for organised & unorganised activities & meeting places for children and teenagers who live in and around Perth. Creating a central location to allow them to meet and take part in various activities with each other would help create a mutual respect for each other and help young people to live and grow up in Perthshire feeling part of the Perthshire Community

Market Operators Survey

1. How satisfied are you with Perth City Centre as a venue for markets/events?

Value	Count	Percent
Dissatisfied	11	0.4583
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	6	0.25
Satisfied	5	0.2083
Very dissatisfied	1	0.0417
Very satisfied	1	0.0417
Total Responses:	24	

2. Which of the following would encourage people to come to Perth City Centre more often?

Value	Count	Percent
Events	19	0.7917
Cultural activities	16	0.6667
Markets	14	0.5833
Additional shops	11	0.4583
Outdoor public meeting/activity space	11	0.4583
Better transport links	9	0.375
Additional places to eat	4	0.1667
Other	8	0.3333
Total Responses:	24	

3. Which of the following options for the City Hall do you support most?

Value	Count	Percent
Demolish the City Hall	9	0.375
Re-use the City Hall building	8	0.3333
Partially demolish the City Hall	3	0.125
Demolish the City Hall and build on part of the space	2	0.0833
Do nothing until economic climate improves	2	0.0833
Total Responses:	24	

4. Please state the reasons for your answer to the above.

Value	Count	Percent
This option will most benefit the local economy in general	20	0.8333
There is no potential for it to be converted to alternative uses	9	0.375
This option will improve the setting of St John's Kirk	7	0.2917
This option will most benefit my business/organisation	5	0.2083
This option offers potential for both a new high quality building and public space	4	0.1667
Investment in other options may offer potential greater economic benefit but in the current economic climate the Council should focus on other priorities	2	0.0833
The building has no historic or architectural value	2	0.0833
The economic climate needs to improve to give a better chance of finding the best solution for the City Hall	2	0.0833
Other	6	0.25
Total Responses:	24	

5. What type of business/organisation do you run?

Value	Count	Percent
Event Operator	20	0.8696
Both	2	0.087
Market Operator	1	0.0435
Total Responses:	23	

6. 1 . 6. Would your organisation be interested in occupying space if any of the following options for City Hall are taken forward? ()

Item	Yes	No	Total
The City Hall is retained and converted	11	7	18
The City Hall is demolished or partially demolished and a public space created	15	3	18
The City Hall is demolished and a new building created.	7	7	14
Average %	66	34	50
Total Responses:	24		

7. Please indicate what type of market your organisation would be interested in using space for.

Value	Count	Percent
Craft	2	0.5
Food	1	0.25
Other	1	0.25
Total Responses:	4	

8. Please indicate what type of events your organisation would be interested in using space for.

Value	Count	Percent
Community	5	0.2273
Music	5	0.2273
Other	12	0.5454
Total Responses:	22	

9. Please indicate how you think any public space or building should be managed for markets or events.

Value	Count	Percent
Local authority market	12	0.5217
Independent management	7	0.3043
Other	4	0.1739
Total Responses:	23	

10. Would your business/organisation be willing to contribute to the development costs of creating a public space?

Value	Count	Percent
No	19	0.7917
Don't Know	4	0.1667
Yes	1	0.0417
Total Responses:	24	

11. Would your business/organisation be willing to contribute to the operational and maintenance costs of a public space?

Value	Count	Percent
No	18	0.75
Don't Know	5	0.2083
Yes	1	0.0417
Total Responses:	24	

12. Do you think the Council should carry out further marketing of the City Hall to find out whether there are other possible uses for the building?

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	12	0.5
No	10	0.4167
Don't know	2	0.0833
Total Responses:	24	

13. Should the Council subsidise the re-use of the City Hall?

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	14	0.5833
No	9	0.375
Don't know	1	0.0417
Total Responses:	24	

14. If we do nothing at the moment, how long do you think we should wait for the economy to change?

Value	Count	Percent
2 Years	8	0.3636
Don't know	4	0.1818
5 Years	1	0.0455
Other	9	0.409
Total Responses:	22	

15. Should the Council continue to fund maintenance of the City Hall until there is more public or private funding available when the economic climate improves?

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	12	0.5
No	9	0.375
Don't Know	3	0.125
Total Responses:	24	

Do you have any final comments or suggestions?

Since the closure of the City Hall there have been little or no alternatives for groups who previously used the hall for community events. The concert hall is unsuitable for these and church halls are not often available.

If there had been true demand for the city hall to be re-commissioned, it would have been done by now by someone with the determination to make it happen. Yes, the economy has shifted but there are still developments proceeding (out of town developments mainly) so it's not about the lack of demand, it's about the usability of the space. Tear it down (the cheapest option probably), pave the square and let's put some heart back into Perth's City Centre.

This is an ideal opportunity to create a concert space/sculpture trail, local history items, lighting effects display. water features either permanent or temporary, ice sculptures, concerts with a covered stage, ice rink, outdoor dancing for summer and winter So many more interesting things than keeping a run down uninteresting building that hides the nice St John's Kirk. Make sure power of all kinds is built in in various places, and the surface is workable and not too uneven. Could even make a band stand! Include trees that can be lit at night that look magic all year around.

I represent a voluntary arts organisation and can say that Perth has a woeful lack of exhibiting possibilities for contemporary art and craft. Cultural activities and exhibitions of all kinds benefit the wellbeing of the public in general, increase tourism and add interest and quality to the overall style and presence of a town. Using the City hall as a mixed use hub for cultural activity and small local quality trading would give Perth 'Heart' as well as create a dynamic heart in the town. PLEASE CALL A MEETING OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE IN PERTH WHO WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A PLACE.

The City Hall could make a valuable contribution to Perth's culture and community activities. I work as a Production Manager, mainly in Outdoor Events, throughout the UK. Most, if not all major cities in the UK have at least one outdoor space which can be used for holding outdoor events, large or small. Nottingham, for instance, has recently spent upwards of £5m to upgrade an area in the City Centre to host all manner of events. It seems there is no viable location in Perth to hold events, e.g Hogmanay Celebrations, Christmas light switch-ons, Music, Food or any type of Festival which would be held in a hard standing outdoor area, and at all times of the year. Note that these events do generally bring money in to the local area, both in the short and long terms... I would be happy to meet and discuss any matters arising, if appropriate... Wesley Cameron Production Manager WES Productions
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I'm kind of torn between all the options. There is no central gathering place in the City (Both Inches are classed as out of town by Perth people) and no place to hold larger scale events such as festivals, a good Farmers Market etc. A public space would be fantastic and remove barriers to organisation fantastic events in a safe and central place. I also think that there's a lack of large retail premises in Perth. This is why the Caitness Glass retail area is such a threat to city centre businesses.

I am a committee member of Perth Film Society and our particular problem is a rendez vous for committee meetings in the city centre. We either have to meet at a pub or hotel bar area. Our committee consist of fifteen members.

One of the main strengths of Perth is the plethora fo voluntary groups involved in cultural pursuits. This is not co-ordinated at present and if harnessed could be of great value to the area

Knock down the ugly, outdated City Hall and give the City Centre a real heart - a vibrant, open cultural space that people can afford to use. A modern arts centre for your community and youth to become involved in, a space for smaller audience events, workshops and exhibitions, surrounded by space for outdoor performance and markets. A small fountain or centrepiece and some planting and seating would enhance the Kirk area and make the most of this important and beautiful building. No one wants to linger over their meal in the Cafe Quarter while they are looking out at this pigeon-poo -encrusted, sad state of a building.

There is no substantial public space in an area of high footfall in the city centre for large scale events and activities. This would greatly add to the vitality and vibrancy of the city centre and would provide a gathering point for citizens and visitors to Perth. Markets City centre markets provide a platform for small businesses and artisans in Perth & Kinross and further afield to showcase their products. Other opportunities to promote themselves in a city centre would be cost-prohibitive for many of these businesses Co-ordination Perth City Centre Management (PCCM), Economic Development, co-ordinates and hosts all markets with the exception of Perth Farmers' Market (PFM) which is run as a co-operative. Location - All markets run by Perth City Centre Management are currently located in King Edward Street (except Art on the River on Tay Street) which is an adequate location but requires fitting stalls around existing street furniture, trees etc as well as ensuring that shop windows and dropped kerbs are not blocked. Extension of markets - There is currently little scope to extend the markets due to a lack of electricity supply beyond King Edward Street. Supply/Demand - Demand from stall-holders continues to be greater than stall space permits therefore there is the possibility that markets could be extended and enhanced if space and infrastructure were to be provided. For example PCCM Christmas Craft Markets fill in February/March each year and PCCM spends the rest of the year declining requests. Weather - Changing weather patterns have created a wind funnel in the area in front of the Mercat Cross which proves challenging for all markets taking place in this area. Health and safety measures are implemented to guard against this and appropriate risk assessments carried out. A more permanent and safer solution to this would be the installation of market stalls fixed to the ground similar to Edinburgh Farmers' Market. Should the City Hall area become public space in the longer term, fixed (but removable) market stalls would definitely be the preferred option. Infrastructure and Costs - PFM currently own and hire out a maximum of 40 market stalls. PCCM hires stalls from PFM for all their markets (except the Continental Market). Both PFM and PCCM charge individual stall-holders to attend their markets. "Travelling markets" such as the Continental Market provide a financial contribution to PCCM to cover the costs of their set-up. If new fixed stalls

were provided and owned by Perth & Kinross Council for use in a new public square, Perth City Centre Management could generate income for external markets (currently PFM does this). Markets run by both organisations currently cover their costs but do not make substantial income as there are other costs incurred by running markets in this location (e.g. electricity supply, road closure promotion for St John's Place, stall erection and dismantling costs etc). It is important to stress that a delicate balance has to be struck regarding the cost to stall-holders (many of whom are very small businesses) and the market organiser obtaining the optimum number of stalls at a market.

Other Use of City Hall Public Space The following list is a suggestion of the types of events which could take place in a new public square: Markets (existing ones e.g. Farmers, Gardeners, Continental, Craft, Volunteers Fair (PKAVS), Rotary Fair; new ones e.g. Specialist Food, German, Flea, Antiques) Civic events Historic and military events Concerts and musical performances (local community groups, visiting bands etc) Ice rink Religious events/services (e.g. linked to St John's Kirk)/Christmas Nativity (suggested by Christian Outreach Centre) Charity events Outdoor cinema Christmas Lights Switch On Remembrance Event Big Wheel/Quality Carousel Dance events General Promotions* (see below) *The following organisations undertook "General Promotions" in the High Street area during 2009. Some of this type of activity could be relocated to a new public square: Scots Guards Regimental Display Perth Fairtrade Group Race for Life (Cancer Research UK) National Springclean Big Red Bus -Travelling Art Gallery National Outreach Centre Easter Event Challenger Bus Celebrate Life Black Watch Real Nappy Network Vehicles for Motor Sport Event at Dewars Eagle Foundation War on Want Royal Blind Society VSO Clydesdale Bank fundraising for Rachael House Sense Scotland Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Light Armoured Vehicle & Tank Display Salvation Army Fundraising and carolling Peter Vardy – charity event for Cambodia Childcare Information Stall Princes Trust Canadian Massed Pipes and Drums British Heart Foundation Breast Cancer Care In Town Without My Car Day Colin McRae Rally Lindt Chocolate Product Promotion Perth College Early Years Promotion Perth Amnesty Group Stop Violence against Women Perthshire Brass

Resource Requirement A public space would require to be multi purpose, flexible and interchangeable for a variety of different activities and events. An area would be required for storage e.g. fold up chairs, market stalls etc. Appropriate electricity supply points and access to water supply would be required.

If the City Hall is retained as it is at present, or adapted, and hired out as a venue for events, it must be affordable to charitable organisations like ourselves (SWRI).

I think that an open space would be detrimental to the centre of Perth.