

Broughty Ferry Conservation Area Appraisal

It is proposed to extend the current Broughty Ferry Conservation Area northwards (from King Street and Castle Street) to the railway line.

We are strongly supportive of this proposal. During the last 15 years or so we have carried out two questionnaires which have indicated support for such an extension both from residents and the business community. We have also liaised with the city council on this matter providing both relevant information and opinion.

We realise that some people may be concerned about extra limitations on external modifications that they can make to their property within a conservation area. However, on the positive side, such a designation provides protection against potential neighbouring adverse developments. Generally, there is a higher quality of development imposed within conservation areas and they tend to be the most sought after places to live.

Furthermore, there is the possibility of grant aid. For instance, currently the Dundee Historic Environment Trust provides Conservation Area Repair Grants which can provide 40-50% towards the cost of repairs.

We consider that central Broughty Ferry has been fortunate in comparison with some other district shopping centres in terms of retaining its attractiveness and viability. This is due to the efforts of local businesses, the fantastic setting, and the character of its historic built environment. By providing extra protection to the latter, it will help to ensure that Broughty Ferry will continue to attract residents, businesses and tourists.

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