

Bon Accord



Points of Interest:

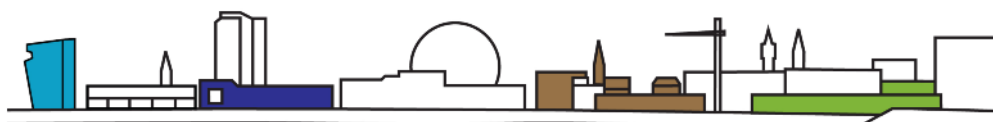
- Langstane Kirk
- Bon Accord Square and Crescent
- The Galleria
- Former Telephone Exchange
- Bon Accord Terrace Gardens

School: Robert Gordon's College

Date of Fieldwork: 18 June 2013

Top 5 'Main Issues' affecting this area:

1. Buildings are dull and grey
2. Pedestrian Safety, Areas for Parking and Accessibility
3. Cleanliness (bins, litter, spaces for recycling)
4. Not a very interesting place – more activities needed
5. Lack of Colour and Modern Buildings



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Summary of Likes:

There were a lot of things which participants liked about this area, for example:

Curved buildings and streets; Archibald Simpson architecture; Art Deco buildings; shops and restaurants; wide pavements; Bon Accord Terrace Gardens; street art; tree lined streets; Galleria; Bauhaus Hotel ; Langstane Kirk.

Summary of Dislikes:

There were however things that participants didn't like, for example:

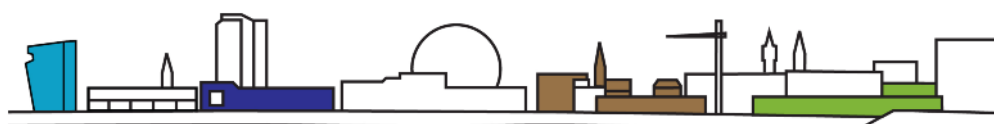
No colour; uninteresting; back of businesses are dirty; businesses with outdoor seating have bad views; access is poor (especially for disabled); scary at night; trees overgrown (block pavements); nowhere to sit for lunch; empty buildings; narrow pavements.

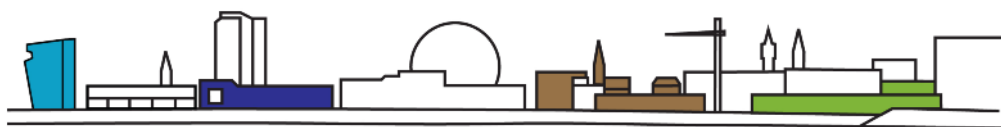
Summary of Opportunities and Proposed Enhancements:

- More signs
- Colourful doors
- Prune trees for more light
- Add cycle lanes
- Better quality roads
- Gardens regenerated to attract more tourists
- Colour code different areas to promote individual identities
- Art Deco Buildings (Slaters / Oddbins) extension to the Galleria
- Better disabled access
- Play area / skate park
- Attract more wildlife (birdfeeders)
- More flowers
- Better lighting for footpaths
- Outdoor stages, restaurants, cafes, viewing galleries
- Bring old buildings back into use (community buildings, shops, pubs)
- Modernise buildings – add glass doors / walls

What Happens Next?

The information gained during this exercise will help to us prepare a 'Main Issues Report' which will discuss the 'Main Issues' the next Local Development Plan for the City should consider. The Main Issues Report will be presented to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee in November 2013 and be released for public consultation early 2014.





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