

Castlegate

Summary of Likes:

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

Looks very historic; buildings are big and grand (some of the nicest in Aberdeen); large open spaces to sit and relax; gold post box; quality of street furniture; views (especially of Union Street); statues; pedestrian friendly.

Summary of Dislikes:

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

Too much pollution; smelly; lack of greenery (only one tree near the Citadel); dull; grey; not much to do; lots of cars; noisy; Marischal and Virginia Courts; unattached; litter; lack of wildlife; run down shops and buildings; built up so much it feels cramped.

Summary of Opportunities and Proposed Enhancements:

- Buildings painted different colours
- Alleyways filled by extending shops
- More trees, gardens & open space
- Citadel could be used for concerts
- Less cars to make it safer
- Aberdeen Dungeons and ghost tours
- Buses to go through Castlegate to the beach
- Enhance open space at Merkat Cross
- Indoor soft play area for younger children
- Introduce water features
- Pedestrianise Union Street
- Bus lane or trams
- Needs to be cleaner and brighter
- More tourist attractions
- Build an aquarium and link to the beach
- Knock down run down buildings for better views
- More shops and restaurants to encourage people to visit more
- One large car park for people to then walk to the beach

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.

