

Crown Street



Points of Interest:

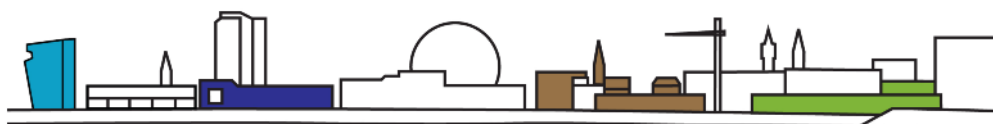
- **Former Post Office Building**
- **Prudential Building**
- **Masonic Temple**
- **Windmill Brae**
- **Bridge Street Steps**

School: Robert Gordon's College

Date of Fieldwork: 18 June 2013

Top 5 'Main Issues' affecting this area:

1. Cleanliness (bins, litter, spaces for recycling)
2. Lack of Greenery – more Green Spaces needed
3. Pedestrian Safety and Areas for Parking
4. Condition of Granite Buildings (stone should be cleaner) and Lack of Colour
5. Needs to be more welcoming – quite scary



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Summary of Likes:

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

Use of marble and polished granite; lots of historic buildings; Old Post Office; feels hidden away; some parts rather elegant; easily accessible; quiet in places; good architecture; formal houses; Riley's Pool Hall; links to Union Street.

Summary of Dislikes:

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

Too many CCTV cameras; dark alleys and tunnels; noisy; dirty; cramped; lack of building maintenance; unwanted looking buildings; smelly; stairs to Bridge Street unsafe; shadowed areas due to tall buildings; narrow pavements; not much plant life / green areas; too many pubs and bars; signage faded or dirty; lack of rubbish bins.

Summary of Opportunities and Proposed Enhancements:

- More interesting and fun places
- Wifi Hotspots
- Reintroduce trams
- New 5* hotel with swimming pool
- Offices to attract new businesses
- Reuse the nicer abandoned buildings for other things (hotels)
- Bring vibrancy and colour back into the area
- Car parking should be underground
- Pedestrianise Windmill Brae
- Needs to be cleaner and brighter
- More trees, gardens & open space
- More modern buildings
- Introduce more heritage lighting
- Demolish other older buildings which aren't in use
- Escalator alongside Bridge Street Steps

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.

