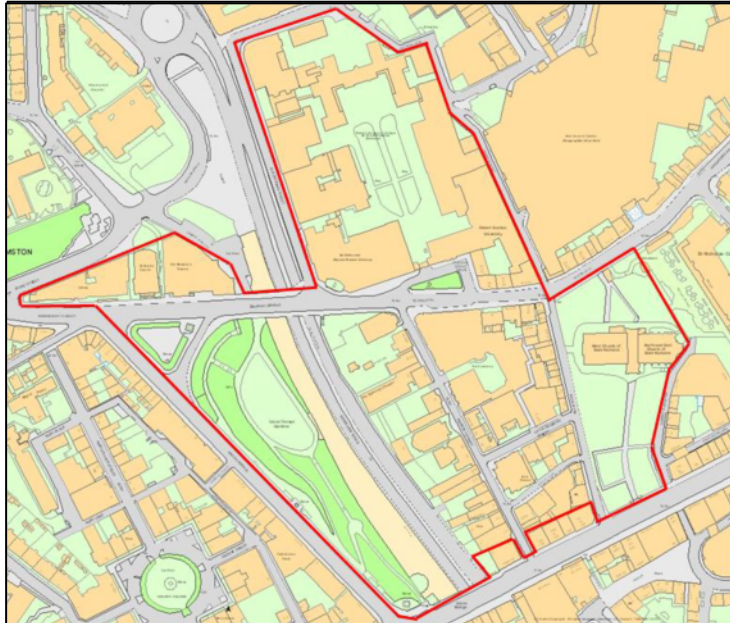


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Points of Interest:

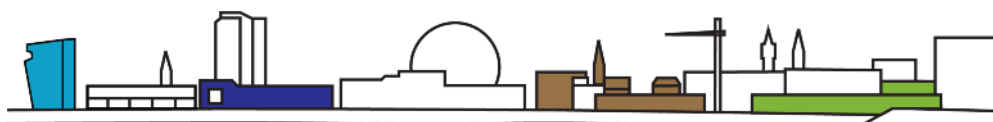
- **Central Library**
- **His Majesty's Theatre**
- **Union Terrace Gardens**
- **Belmont Street**
- **Art Museum and Gallery**

School: Robert Gordon's College

Date of Fieldwork: 19 June 2013

Top 5 'Main Issues' affecting this area:

1. Cleanliness (bins, litter, spaces for recycling)
2. Lack of Colour (grey and unattractive)
3. Needs to be more welcoming – concerns about safety
4. Pedestrian Safety and Areas for Parking
5. Noise



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Summary of Likes:

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

Wide streets; grounds of St Nicholas Kirk; variation of well designed buildings (old and modern); well connected and accessible; HMT and extension; St Marks; Central Library; LED leopard beautiful and quirky; lots of open space; Union Terrace Gardens; tourist attractions; welcoming and bright; activities on Belmont Street.

Summary of Dislikes:

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

Unsafe areas (e.g. Belmont Street at night); noisy; too many cars; fragmented buildings; bins take up too much space; Triple Kirks; HMT extension; Union Terrace Gardens not accessible; dull, boring and bland buildings.

Summary of Opportunities and Proposed Enhancements:

- Open up St Nicholas Kirk
- Enhance Schoolhill
- More trees, gardens & open space
- Create identity
- Art Gallery redevelopment
- More restaurants and better lighting
- Make the area more pedestrian friendly
- Modern architecture with welcoming and friendly materials like wood
- Enhance Rosemount Viaduct
- Raise Union Terrace Gardens
- Less buses and general transport
- More modern buildings
- Needs to be cleaner and brighter
- Open up the RGU Quad
- Belmont Street completely pedestrianised
- Redevelop Triple Kirks into office or museum

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.

