

# Riverside



## Points of Interest

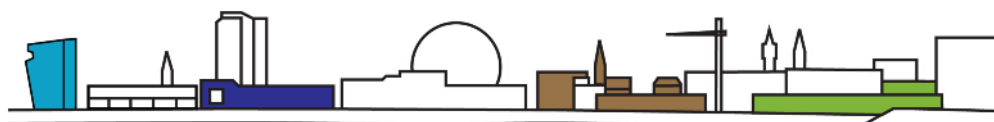
- Union Square
- Bus and Train Stations
- Entrance to Aberdeen Harbour
- Aberdeen Seafood Park
- River Dee

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## Top 5 'Main Issues' affecting this area:

1. Cleanliness (bins, litter, spaces for recycling, graffiti)
2. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety
3. Empty and Derelict Buildings
4. Needs to be more welcoming – concerns about safety
5. Not Very Accessible



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## Summary of Likes:

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

Mix of old and new buildings; Union Square (new, modern, warm, clean - a nice environment with shops all under one roof / plenty to do / friendly / active); the Train and Bus Stations incorporated into Union Square; Train Station very well sign posted; old tram shed on Riverside Drive; boats in the Harbour.

## Summary of Dislikes:

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

Union Square can be busy and noisy; empty sites in old fish processing area; smelly (especially at harbour / fish processing area); litter; lots of traffic and parked cars; Union Square is in the wrong location; Bus Station too small and busy; Train Station too exposed; Market Street; Riverside Drive.

## Summary of Opportunities and Proposed Enhancements:

- Clean up Riverside
- Fill empty buildings (offices)
- More pedestrian friendly
- More environmentally friendly uses
- More trees, gardens & open space
- Pedestrian walkway from Union Square to harbour / ferry port
- Buildings for leisure rather than offices
- Clean up Riverside
- Gardens on the roofs of offices
- Bowling Alley
- Ban HGVs in the City Centre
- Traffic diverted from Market Street
- Public safety improved
- Better access to River Dee so people can visit and enjoy
- Shops built in Food Processing Area
- Gardens on the roofs of offices

## 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.

