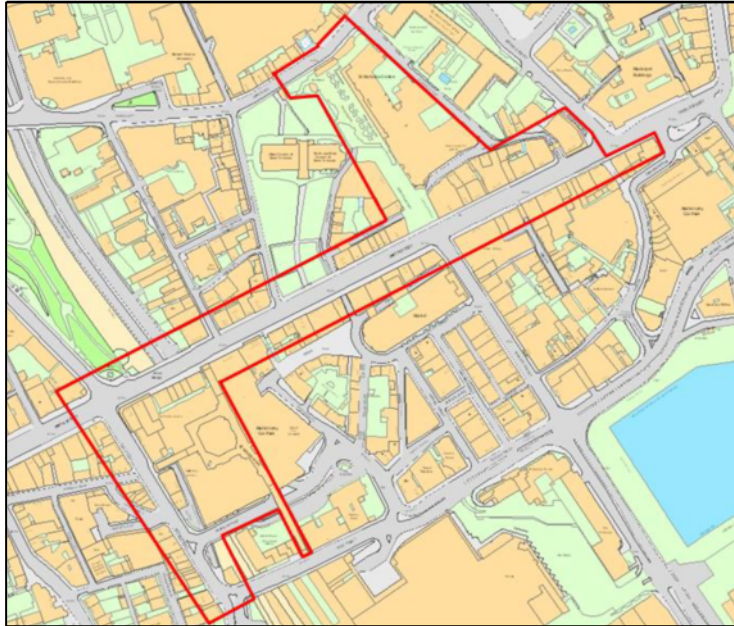


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Points of Interest

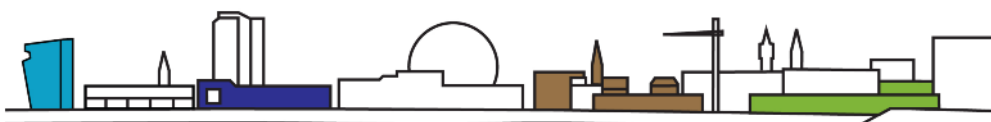
- **Former E&M Building**
- **St Nicholas Centre and Rooftop**
- **St Nicholas Square**
- **Union Bridge and Kelly's Cats**
- **Trinity Centre**

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, graffiti)
2. Noisy and Busy
3. Air Quality and Pollution
4. Empty and Poor Quality Shops
5. Lack of Open Space and Biodiversity



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Summary of Likes:

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

Historic statues; well designed granite buildings; mix of traditional and modern buildings; food stalls / street cafes on St Nicholas Square; greenery; space around and above St Nicholas Centre; well connected; wide pavements; buses; big belly bins / renewable energy; information boards; Union Bridge; entrance to St Nicholas Kirk.

Summary of Dislikes:

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

Access routes (unattractive / lots of stairs); lots of traffic / congested; grey / dirty buildings; view of E&Ms from Tourist Information (off-putting); empty shops; poor air quality; roads dominate the streets; Bridge Street; Crombie's Court.

Summary of Opportunities and Proposed Enhancements:

- Pedestrianise Union Street
- Community Centre
- Separate areas for smokers
- Underground parking
- More trees, gardens & open space
- More street artists / food stalls on St Nicholas Square to attract people
- Use roof of St Nicholas Centre (shops / cafes / lighting)
- More ways to get about without passing through shopping centres
- E&Ms redeveloped (apartments)
- Open shops on McCrombie's Court
- Open empty shops on Bridge Street
- Clean up the streets and more bins
- More tall buildings / skyscrapers
- More bright, colourful, modern buildings
- Escalators / Ramps at rear of Trinity Centre

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.

