

Union Street West



Points of Interest

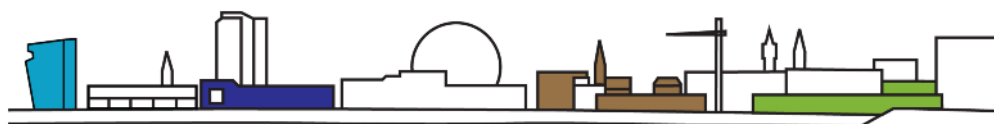
- Golden Square
- Music Hall
- Capital Cinema
- Holburn Junction
- Justice Mill Lane

School: Robert Gordon's College

Date of Fieldwork: 17 June 2013

Top 5 'Main Issues' affecting this area:

1. Cleanliness (bins, litter, spaces for recycling, graffiti)
2. Buildings are dull and grey
3. Empty Buildings and Shops
4. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety
5. Noise



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Summary of Likes:

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

Shape, layout and peaceful nature of Golden Square; busy and lively; traditional buildings; accessible and well connected; good variety of uses (shops / hotels / restaurants / cafes); The Music Hall; lots of bus stops; statues / monuments; The Monkey House; Gilcomstone South Church.

Summary of Dislikes:

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

Traffic noise; dirty streets (litter); empty / run down buildings; not very welcoming; lack of green space; grey buildings / lack of colour; dangerous; poor air quality; too much street furniture.

Summary of Opportunities and Proposed Enhancements:

- Pedestrianise Union Street
- Less bus stops
- Less traffic lights
- More trees, gardens & open space
- Better shops
- Wider and more even pavements
- Hanging baskets, flowers and trees on Union Street
- Reuse empty buildings (hotels, apartments, shops, food places, restaurants; hospital clinics etc)
- Pedestrianise Golden Square
- Move bookmakers / pound shops
- Needs to be cleaner and brighter
- Bruce Millers a restaurant or hotel
- Paint buildings different colours
- Remove excessive street furniture
- Bells Lounge a café / hotel / restaurant
- Capitol Cinema a hotel / bowling alley / tourist attraction

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.

