



How can I get involved?

The Council wants to know your thoughts on the proposed Dunbarton Town Centre Conservation Area. No decision will be made on the proposals until the Council understands what local residents and businesses think. There are various ways to get involved:

Talk to us

Drop-in exhibition: **West Dunbartonshire Council** at the Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dunbarton on Tuesday 19th February between 4pm and 8pm

Email: ldp@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

Telephone: **0141 951 7930** and ask to speak to **James Hall**

Write to: **Forward Planning Team,
Planning and Building Standards,
16 Church Street, Dunbarton G82 1QL**

Other formats

This document can be provided in large print, Braille or on audio cassette and can be translated into different community languages. Please contact: **Corporate Communications, 16 Church Street, Dunbarton G81 1QL. Tel: 01389 737000.**

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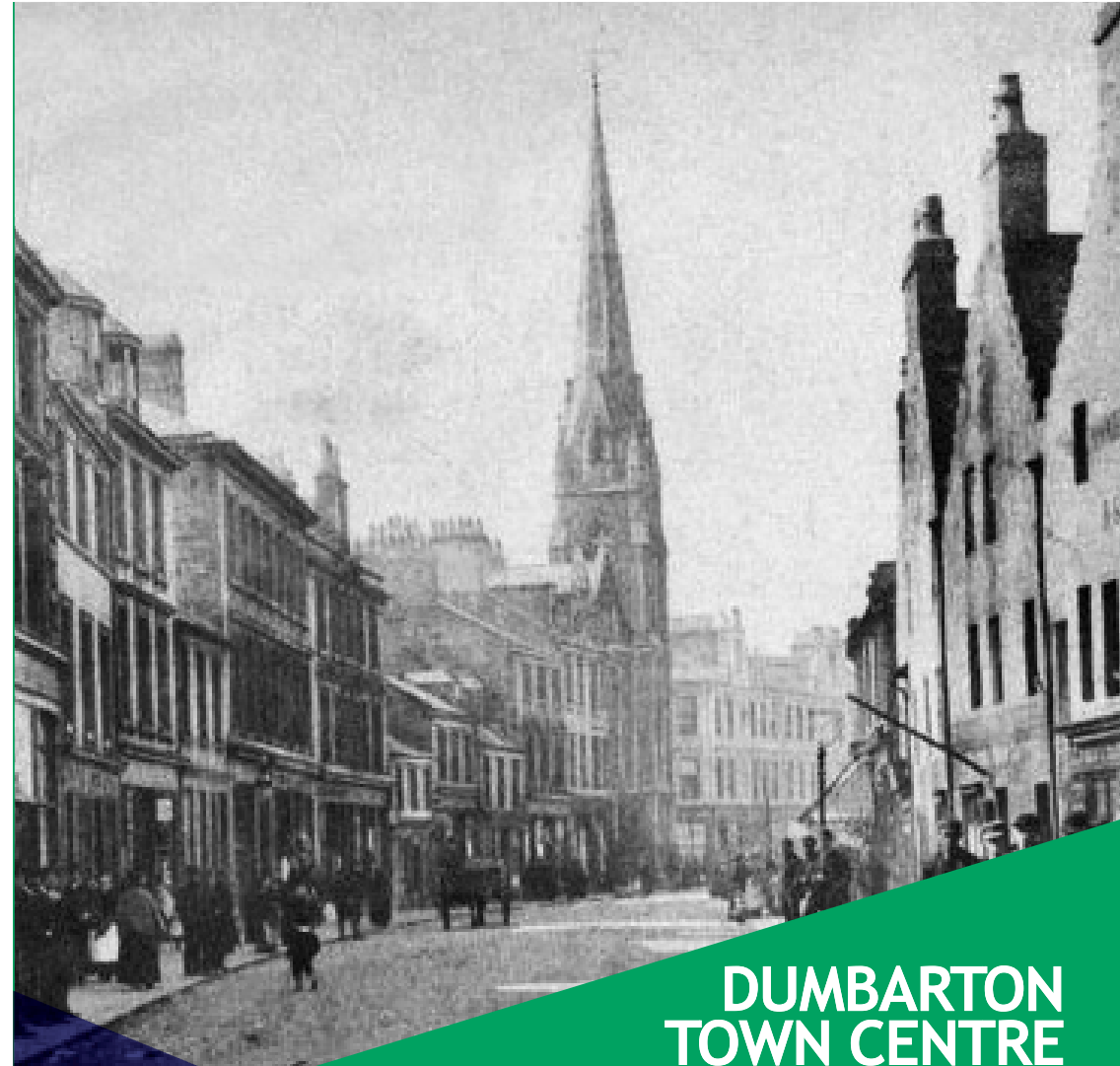
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Dokument ten jest na życzenie udostępniany także w innych wersjach językowych, w dużym druku lub w formie audio.

British Sign Language

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The closing
date for feedback
is Monday
11th March 2019.



**DUMBARTON
TOWN CENTRE**

**Proposed
Conservation
Area**



West Dunbartonshire Council is consulting on designating a new Conservation Area within Dumbarton Town Centre. This leaflet provides information on:

- What a Conservation Area is
- Why it's being proposed
- A map of the proposed area
- How being in a Conservation Area affects you
- How you can find out more
- How you can have your say

What is a Conservation Area?

A Conservation Area is an area within a settlement which has special architectural or historic interest. Conservation Areas are important as they focus on the area as a whole rather than the quality of specific buildings within them. The historic layout of roads, paths, gardens/open spaces and trees all contribute to the special character of an area.

West Dunbartonshire Council designates Conservation Areas in order to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of historic areas, whilst recognising the need for change. There are currently five conservation areas in West Dunbartonshire.

Why Dumbarton Town Centre?

Dumbarton Town Centre has many buildings of special architectural or historic interest, a medieval High Street layout and strong historical links to the River Leven. However, some areas now require significant improvements.

During the 2014 Dumbarton Town Centre and Waterfront Urban Strategy and the Dumbarton Rock and Castle Charrette in 2015 it was identified that a new Conservation Area would allow the town's heritage to be recognised and create potential funding opportunities for improvement works. In particular, the Council would explore applying for a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), funded by Historic Environment Scotland which provides financial support for Conservation Area based regeneration and conservation initiatives. For example, it can fund repair programmes for priority projects, a grant scheme for homeowners or retailers to restore buildings and shop fronts and public realm improvements.

A Conservation Area would also help boost the town's image and profile more widely and would add to recent Council investments including bringing the 'A' listed former Dumbarton Academy in Church Street back into life and restoring the Municipal Buildings. Together with the ongoing Riverfront development and proposed Waterfront Path to Dumbarton Rock, it would help support increased tourism and visitors to the town centre.

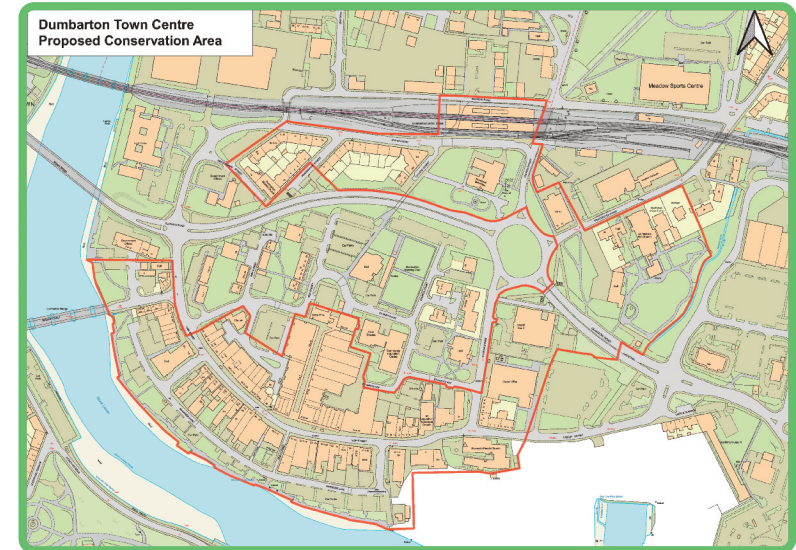
How does this affect me?

There are many benefits of Conservation Area status, including:

- An improved environment in which to live
- Protection over poor quality developments
- Conservation Areas often become more desirable places to live
- Property prices can increase
- Safeguard for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations

Conservation Area status increases the appropriate controls the Council has over development, alterations, demolition and advertising. Most works to the outside of a building or structure in a conservation area will require planning permission where they change the appearance of the building. This could include small extensions and installation of solar panels, satellite dishes and replacement windows. Planning permission will **not** be required for like-for-like changes, such as repainting a building in its existing colour or straightforward repair work. Nor will carrying out works to the interior of a building which do not affect the external appearance. There is no fee for the advertisement of planning applications in a conservation area.

The aim is to preserve what is special about the area, and where possible improve and enhance it. Due to the proposed Conservation Area being home to many people and businesses in the local area, the Council is looking to understand the views of both residents and businesses in the local area.



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We are asking for your views on the proposed Conservation Area which is open to public consultation from 28th January to 11th March 2019”