

Campbeltown Conservation Area

Conservation Areas are "areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". They are designated under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997.

It is the statutory duty of Argyll and Bute Council to review its Conservation Areas from time to time and consult the public on any proposals to adjust the boundaries.

Conservation area designation is a means of recognising the importance of the quality of the area as a whole, as well as protecting individual buildings which are considered to make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the area. Conservation areas are not designated to stop future development.

The Council also has a responsibility to carry out a character appraisal of each conservation area and the findings of Campbeltown's appraisal have resulted in these suggested boundary amendments.

The present Conservation Area was designated 26 years ago and focuses on the town centre and Kilkerran Road. Much of Longrow was excluded. The historic and architectural importance of this street has long been acknowledged, however, and is noted in the Kintyre Local Plan as a Townscape Policy Area and in the emerging Local Plan as a Special Built Environment Area.

Historic maps clearly show the early existence of Longrow which is comprised of interesting 18th century and 19th century buildings.

The shore line once ran close to the rear boundaries of the properties on the north east side and some very old out buildings survive.

This area is already included within the THI boundary, a further acknowledgement of its importance, but Conservation Area designation is an essential requirement if owners and tenants wish to avail themselves of CARS and THI grants.

It is proposed to include Longrow, north westwards almost as far as its junction with Lochend Street.

As well as Longrow, the boundary changes also suggest the inclusion of Longrow Church and Springbank Distillery, both listed structures of social, historic and architectural significance to Campbeltown.

The boundary would also take in Dell Road and good villas nearby, Gallow Hill Farm, and the woodlands that line the footpath linking Kilkerran Road and Limecraigs Road. There are also minor boundary changes on Kinloch Road, the New Quay, Stewart Road and Stronvaar Avenue.

Your views on these proposed changes would be most welcome. Please submit them in writing before January 15th, 2009 to:

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