

Dunoon Shopfront Improvement Scheme



Guidance Notes October 2020

These guidance notes have been produced to assist retailers/businesses who wish to apply for grant assistance from the Dunoon Shopfront Improvement Scheme.

Argyll and Bute Council can provide funding for shopfront improvements in Dunoon town centre. It is hoped that the scheme can add value to Dunoon CARS by assisting business owners to further improve the appearance of the town centre. Businesses located within the designated grant area (see map on page 3) can apply for grant funding to assist with the repair or refurbishment of their shopfront. The grant intervention rate will be up to 50% of the total eligible costs.

Note: The scheme is being solely funded by Argyll and Bute Council and will be delivered through the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme.

Please note this grant is discretionary and an application does not automatically guarantee funding.

Timescales: Funding will be allocated on a first come first served basis subject to individual applications meeting the guidelines below.

Grant Rates: The grant intervention will be up to 50% of the total eligible costs.

Applications cannot be made retrospectively. Please do not carry out any works until you receive formal confirmation that you have been awarded grant funding.

- Internal works are not eligible for grant funding.
- For all works a minimum of 3 quotations must be provided.
- All necessary consents for the approved works should be obtained.
- A grant offer does not imply any other consent or permission.

A requirement of the grant will be to publicly acknowledge the financial contribution from Argyll and Bute Council.

Grants are available for:

- Painting of shopfronts.
- Installation or replacement of shop fascia signs or the installation of hanging signs.
- Repair or reinstatement of architectural details such as; window mouldings, timber entrance doors, inner doors or timber panelled storm doors.
- Repairs to timber shopfronts.
- Installation, repair or replacement of canopies will be considered if valid reasons for their use can be shown.
- Repair or reinstatement of cornice, console brackets, or plinths etc.
- Other works will be considered on a case by case basis.

The diagram below indicates typical elements of a traditional shopfront. Works to any of these elements are eligible for grant funding.



(1) Stallriser, (2) plinth, (3) pilaster, (4) console bracket, (5) cornice, (6) fascia, (7) timber panelled storm doors, (8) inner glazed door

Costs that can be included:

- Cost of all materials and labour for the eligible physical works of the shopfront.
- Professional fees where applicable. You must provide 3 quotations.
- Statutory fees for planning application, advertisement consent or building warrant application – if applicable.
- VAT on repair costs and fees can be included where it cannot be recovered. If you are registered for VAT your grant will be based on the net eligible cost.

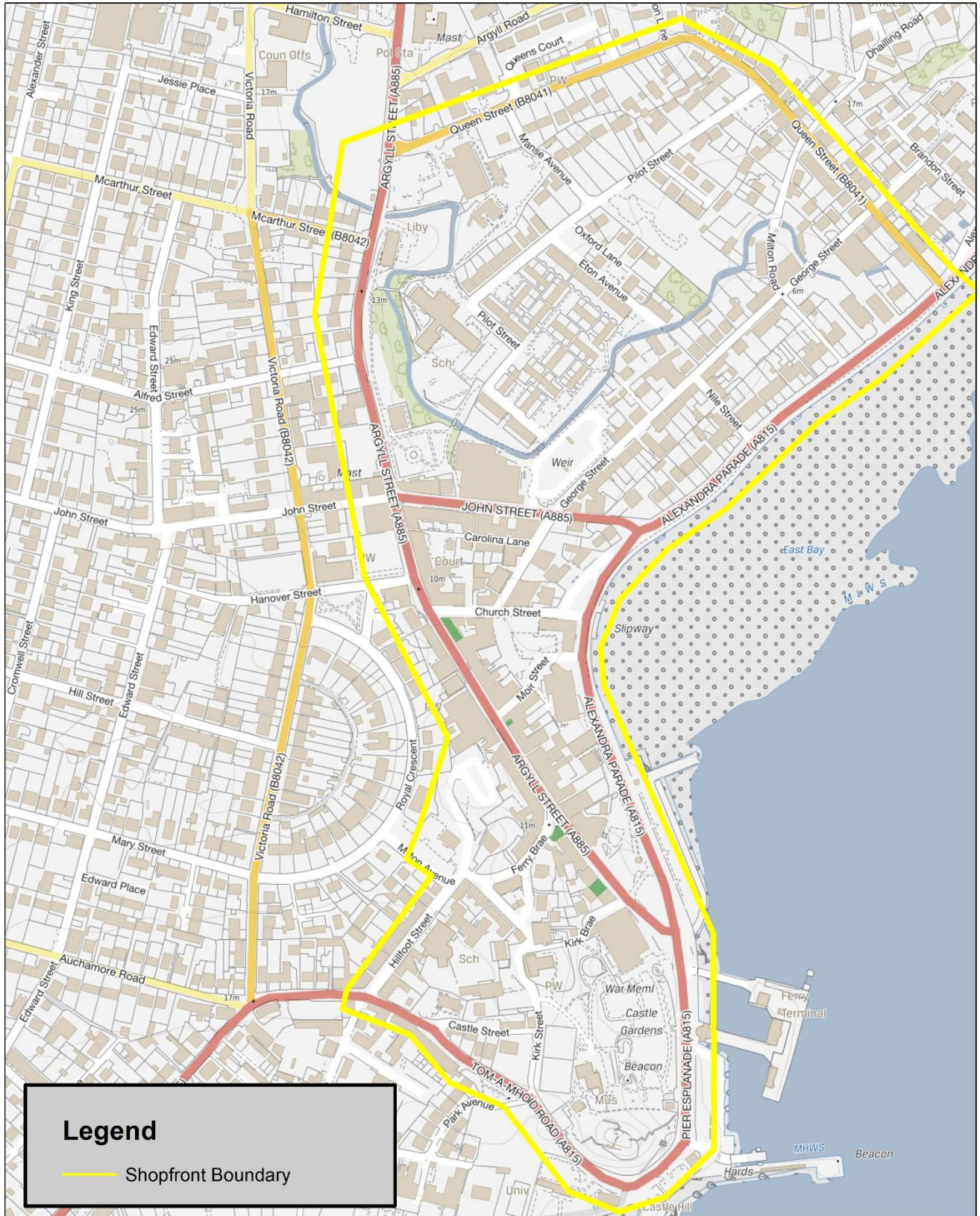
Contact Details: If you require any further information please contact Claire Hallybone on 01369 707121 or email claire.hallybone@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Planning Advice: If you require any further information please contact Brian Close, Planning Officer on 01369 708604 or email brian.close@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Please also refer to Argyll and Bute Councils Shopfront / Advertising Design Principles in the Local Development Plan and the Technical Working Note – Advertisement and Signage. Both documents can be found at: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp>

Further Guidance: For further information regarding shopfronts please refer to the 'Scottish Traditional Shopfronts' Short Guide on the Historic Environment Scotland website at: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/archives-and-research/publications/publication/?publicationId=7d8bf9b6-40f3-4f4e-90e3-a75900c6f49d>

Map showing Dunoon Shopfront Improvement Scheme Target Area



Legend

— Shopfront Boundary