

SEA Pre-Screening Report
Dundonald Conservation Area Character Appraisal

1. Contact Information

Name of Responsible Authority: South Ayrshire Council

Title of Plan, Programme or Strategy: Dundonald Conservation Area Character Appraisal

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2. Key Facts

Purpose of the PPS	To identify the key elements of the conservation area that contribute to the special historic or architectural character of the area. It is intended that the document will be used by owners, occupiers, the planning authority and other stakeholders in the continued management of the area.
What prompted the PPS	The lack of such guidance and therefore concern about the future deterioration and mismanagement of the conservation area.
Period covered by the PPS	No set period.
Frequency of updates	This is dependent upon how long the Appraisal remains relevant for. There is no set timeframe for revisiting these types of appraisal.
Area covered by the PPS	The Dundonald conservation area and surrounding locale.
Summary of PPS content	The document is set out in two parts. Firstly, it outlines the history and development of Dundonald and describes the surviving historical features of the village. Secondly, it examines the management context of the Conservation Area including applicable planning policies and guidance, and presents suggested actions for future protection and enhancement.
Are there any proposed PPS objectives?	No.

3. Screening template

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (1(a), 1(b) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(a) the degree to which the PPS sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	No	The PPS provides a commentary of the existing features within the conservation area and the provisions which are already in place to manage and control development within and affecting the conservation area. The appraisal does propose an extension to the conservation area although this would be progressed through a separate procedure.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	No	The PPS will have limited influence upon other PPS. It will occasionally be used to inform decisions made in line with the adopted development plan.
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No	The appraisal has no significant links to promoting sustainable development.

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (1(d) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	No	The appraisal is written with the purpose of providing additional information for the effective management of the area. There are no obvious existing environmental problems relevant to the PPS.
1(e) the relevance of the PPS for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, PPS linked to waste management or water protection).	No	The PPS is relevant to the development plan, providing an additional level of detail to the policies of the development plan. However, all decisions on planning applications will be made against the provisions of the development plan, not this PPS.
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	The PPS will have no significant effects in this regard. It will most likely have minor positive effects for the conservation area by providing a context for its proper management.
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No	No effects.
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	No	No effects.
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No	No effects.

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (2(e), 2(f) etc refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	Minimal effects.	The PPS relates to the Dundonald Conservation Area and may have a limited impact upon areas just outwith the boundary.
2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to- (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use.	Minimal effects.	It does not set the framework for development – this is done by the development plan. It is a management tool and its content is unlikely to have any significant effects upon the geographical area covered by the PPS.
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	No	

4. Summary of environmental effects

The Dundonald Conservation Area Character Appraisal is designed with the purpose of providing a commentary on the conservation area as it currently exists, including details of the special architectural and historical features within it and an overview of the provisions in place for its management. Whilst the document may occasionally be of some assistance in determining planning applications affecting the conservation area, it has no statutory role in the decision-making process. It is therefore evident that the document will have minimal environmental impacts.

