

Feedback Form - Proposed Conservation Area for Burghead

General Information

Please read the Burghead Character Appraisal and Background Information contained within this form before completing the questionnaire.

You can access the Character Appraisal and Proposed Conservation Area Boundary online at www.moray.gov.uk or view it at Burghead Library or Moray Council Headquarters, Greyfriar's Street, Elgin.

This form can also be completed online by visiting www.moray.gov.uk

To allow as many people as possible to get involved, the consultation period will last 6 weeks, ending on Friday 20th November 2009.

Please note your comments will be available to the public and will form part of future committee reports. All respondents should be aware that Moray Council are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation.

Your Details

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Responding as (please tick)

- Individual, not a business interest
- Local, community or voluntary group
- Business, commercial or developer interest (including individuals or groups)
- Other interest group, public agency, etc

Do you agree with your comments being made available to the public? (please tick)

Yes

No

Background Information

What is a Conservation Area?

A conservation area is an area that the planning authority considers to be of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Conservation areas can vary in size from small groups of buildings to entire town centres, and they can be both rural and urban.

What are the implications of Conservation Area Status?

Once a conservation area is designated, the planning authority has a duty to pay special regard to the character and appearance of the area when determining planning applications. To retain the special character of the area, certain works to the outside of a building or structure will require planning permission. For example, a small extension to an existing building or the formation of a parking space within or adjacent a house in a conservation area will require planning consent. Other examples of development to residential properties located within a conservation area that will require planning consent include stone cleaning, cladding of any part of the exterior with any material, painting an exterior wall surface not previously painted or in a different colour, provision of a storage tank for oil or liquefied petroleum gas or the erection of a satellite dish on a wall facing onto a road. Other development within a conservation area that will require consent include the provision of advertisements for commercial property to ensure that advertising displays do not detract from the appearance of the conservation area, and the demolition of unlisted buildings. Works to trees within conservation areas will also require six weeks notice to be given to the planning authority prior to work commencing, given that trees often contribute significantly to the character of the conservation area. It is important to note, however, that the emphasis is on managing change rather than preventing development and new development that is well designed and contributes positively to the area will be encouraged.

Why are the Council considering Conservation Area Status for Burghead?

During the preparation of the Moray Local Plan (adopted December 2008), Historic Scotland (the Scottish Government agency for the protection of the historic environment) recommended that the Moray Council investigate the potential for conservation area status for Burghead. As a result, the Council commissioned an independent conservation expert to carry out a character appraisal for Burghead and set out recommendations on whether the town merits conservation area status, and if so, where the boundary should be drawn.

Why is the consultation being carried out?

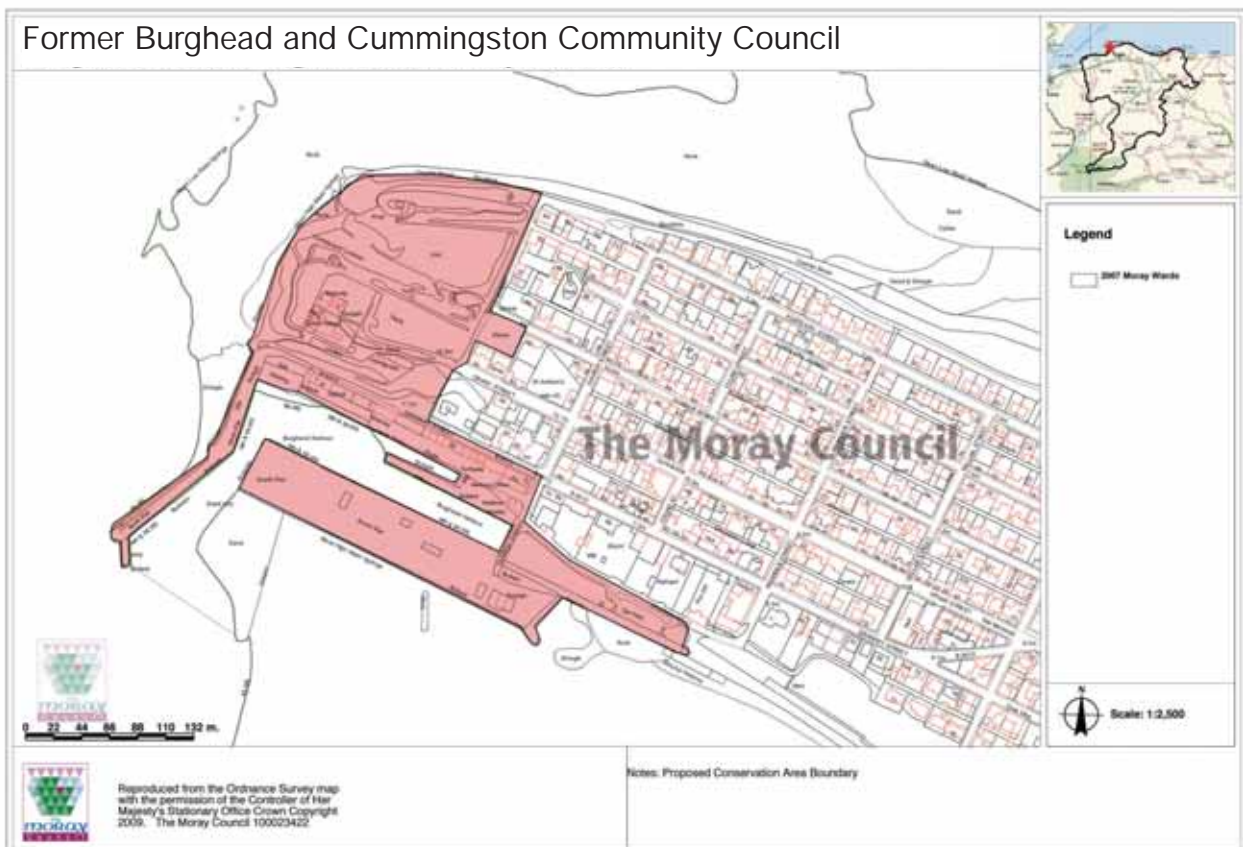
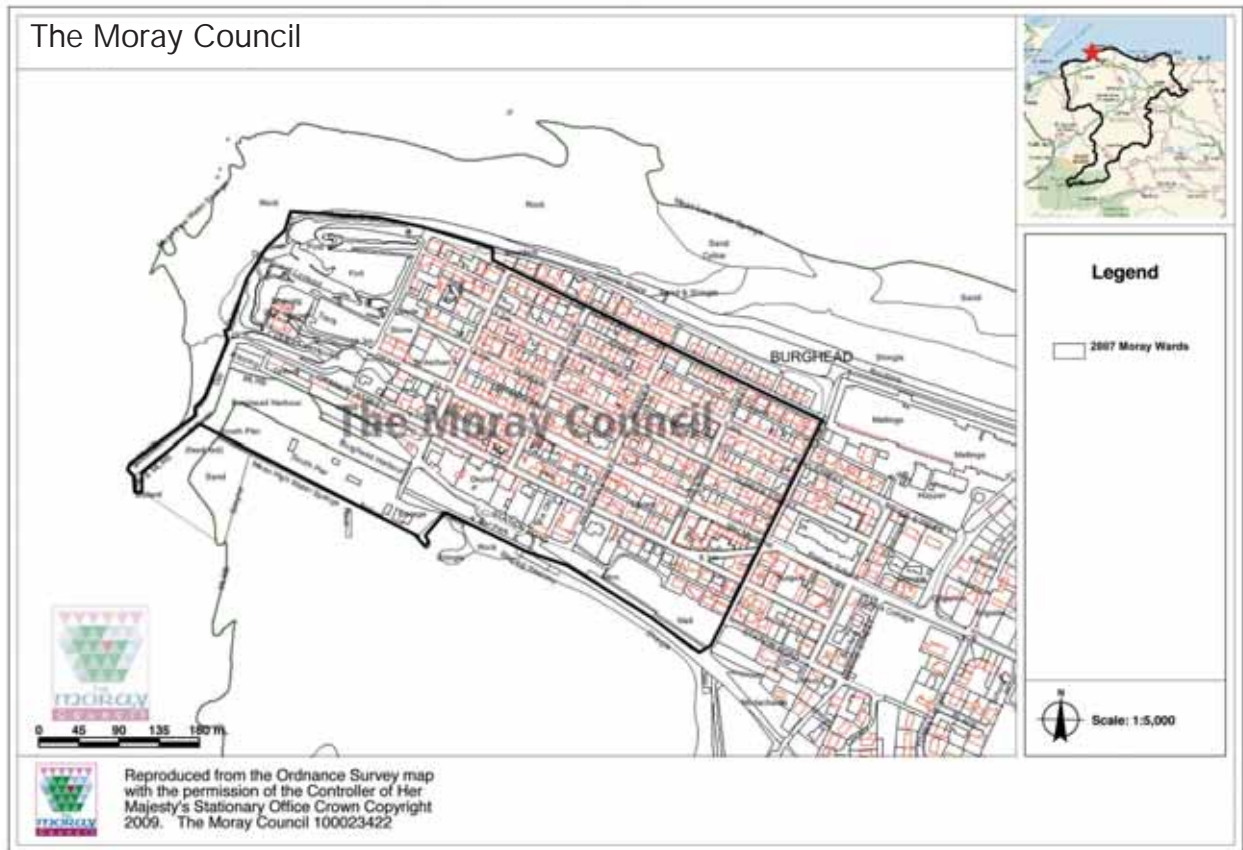
Consultation is being carried out to ask the local community whether they support a conservation area in Burghead, and if so, where the boundary should be drawn.

What are the next steps?

Once the consultation period ends on Friday 20th November 2009, the comments submitted will be analysed. A report on the outcome of the consultation will be submitted to the Planning and Regulatory Committee for consideration. Should the Planning and Regulatory Committee support a conservation area in Burghead, then the conservation policies contained within the Moray Local Plan will apply to development proposals within the conservation area boundary.

Questionnaire

Based on the character appraisal, the following conservation area boundaries have been proposed by the Moray Council and the former Burghead and Cummington Community Council, respectively.



Do you agree that Burghead should have a conservation area? (please tick)

Yes

No

(Please provide comments)

If you agree that a conservation area should be designated within Burghead, which parts of the town do you think should be included within the boundary, and why?

(please consider the character zone map and historic information map overleaf and tick all applicable)

Harbour

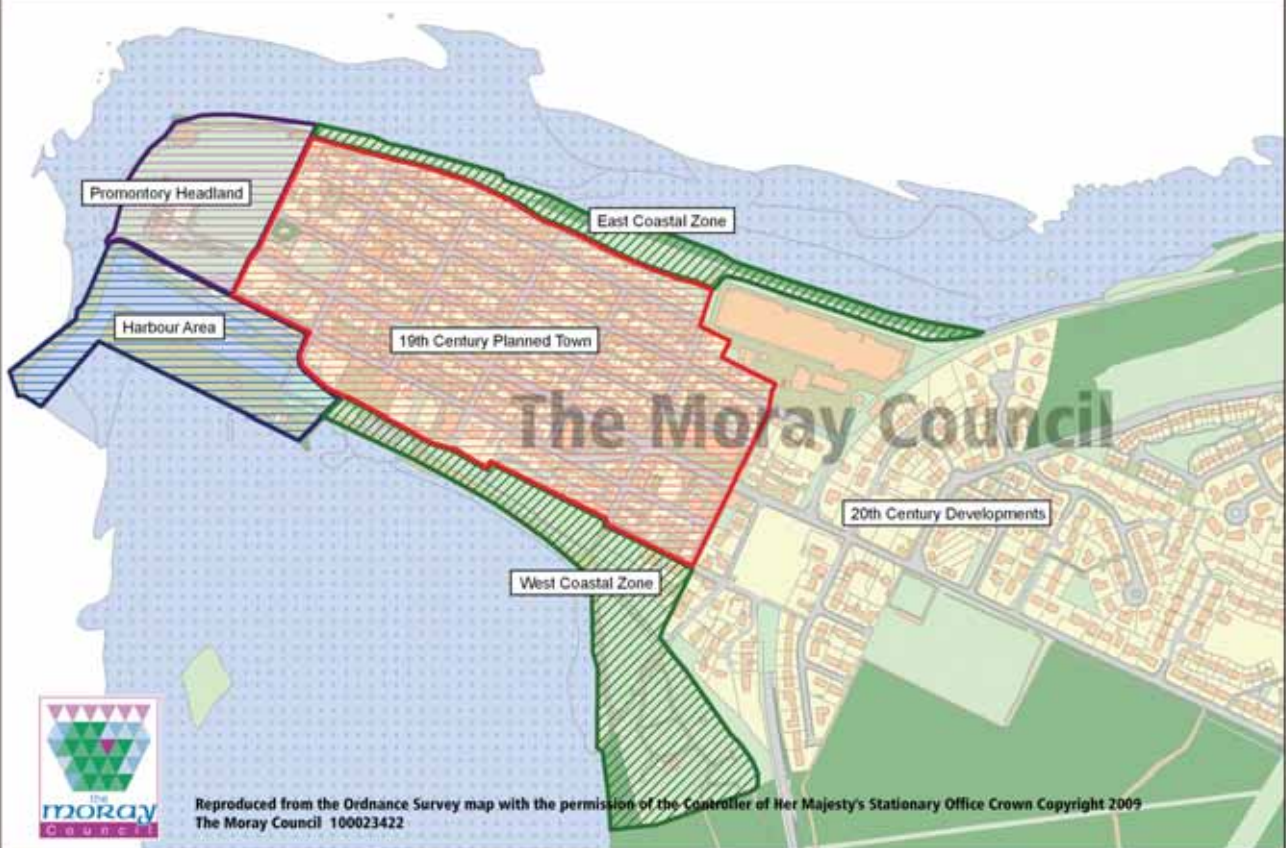
Pictish Fort

All of the 19th Century Planned Town

Part of the 19th Century Planned Town

(If you consider that part of the 19th Century Planned Town should be included within the conservation area boundary please state to where, i.e. Young Street

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Historical Information - Burghead



(Please provide comments on why)

Thank you for taking time to comment.

We are trying to make sure we get a good representative response from people of all backgrounds. To help us do this we would appreciate if you could fill in the following personal details:

Gender (please tick)

Male

Female

Age Range (please tick)

15 and under 45 to 54

16 to 24 55 to 64

25 to 34 65 to 74

35 to 44 75 and over

Please return this form to the address below or return to the comments box in Burghead Library:

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