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How clearly does the report set out the issues that have led to the proposal to extend the Leith Conservation Area? - Is the report clear	How clearly does the report set out the issues that have led to the proposal to extend the Leith Conservation Area? - Do you have any comments?	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed extension to the Leith Conservation Area? - Do you agree with extension?	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed extension to the Leith Conservation Area? - Do you have any comments?	Do you have any additional comments? - Comments
Very clear		Strongly agree	The more the merrier.	
Very clear	I am wholly in favour of preserving these examples of Leith's industrial and cultural heritage.	Strongly agree	See above	See above
Very clear	Together with extending the designated conservation area boundary, the City of Edinburgh Council should also propose to Historic Environment Scotland that they merit additional protection as listed buildings, as they form part of a complex of red sandstone structures linked to Leith's transport heritage at that locale, including the parade of shops and offices locally known as the New Shops, also built by the Caledonian Railway, 106-154 Leith Walk.	Strongly agree	With an increasing population in Edinburgh together with a focus on Leith as an attractive place to live, work, and play with excellent public transport links as well as road networks (and no so good cycling infrastructure) for commuters, safeguarding authentic character through what remains of Leith's heritage is vital to preserve a sense of place that can genuinely inform architects, planners and Leithers of the future. These railway arches, and the bingo hall, are amazing structures, especially interiorally their awesome scale and well-preserved, almost original condition, must be retained to allow future generations to appreciate a rightful sense of pride in their forbearer's achievements, and a sense of how and why these came to be. (A tragic waste that Scotland's largest railway station, North British Railway's Leith Central, at the Foot of the Walk nearby, was demolished in the 1980s, which now leaves us just with fragments of this universal means of travel's past, and well worth cherishing.)	P E R S E V E R E with Leith's preservation!
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree	The area has a richer heritage than alluded to in the report being associated the siege of Leith and bisected by the medieval Leith Walk. However it is the site of the former Tram depot and Mecca bingo Hall which is perhaps the most important of the two areas being the site of the 18th century Andersons Iron Foundry and Victorina Industry. Indeed the current Bingo Hall is much older than alluded to as incorporates elements of the mid-late Victorian Caledonian Mills. As such it represents an increasing rare survival of Leith's and Edinburgh's 19th century industrial past.	

Somewhat clear	The report states "Since [2015], there have been enquiries concerning the potential inclusion of the former railway arches on Manderston Street and Jane Street". It would potentially be helpful to expand upon this and explain more clearly where these proposals have come from.	Strongly agree	The railway arches are an important aspect of the character of the immediate surrounding area plus an interesting visual reminder of the area's industrial history. The bingo hall has the potential to be an important cultural asset. Given the bingo hall is considered part of the area's character and given the observation that there are original art deco features within the hall, consideration should perhaps be given to proposing that the bingo hall is awarded listed building status.	N/A
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear	It is important that Leith retains its history and character otherwise it is just another place looking like any other. This area is really the gateway into Leith the way those from Edinburgh would come down to the Port. Future generations deserve to know where they come from and where they are. These buildings are solid and able to be adapted for various uses while retaining their exterior and character.	Strongly agree	There has been enough development in Leith over recent years and much of it not for its benefit therefore we should retain some of its past to show how people lived and worked in the past and how they could in the future.	
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Somewhat agree	The old infrastructure has character but the later industrial buildings dont need protection	
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear	Right now part of this extension features some very good street art. I would hope this feature would be retained.	Somewhat disagree	I think it's a bit of an imposition to demand, for example, what sort of windows neighbours can have. Is this a little unfair? (I'm not an immediate neighbour)	
Very clear		Strongly agree	The point is well made in the report, that the railway arches are an important part of Leith's history, and present-day landscape. They are impressive visually and are an example of high quality engineering brick construction - a legacy from the last century which is not sufficiently valued today, as witnessed by many such structures elsewhere in Edinburgh which have been defaced by graffiti vandalism. It seems to me that if foot/cycle bridges could be put in place where the original railway bridges have been demolished, the arches would provide an excellent cross-Leith route for pedestrians and cyclists, with wide views across the burgh.	
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree	There is not enough of our heritage left in Leith, it is urgent that we protect what remains, in the face of the intense development in the area.	
Very clear		Strongly agree		

Somewhat clear	Not fully clear on the effect on current businesses occupying the plots. Would they incur any further responsibilities/restrictions in the event of status change?	Somewhat agree	I think it's worthwhile as long as it's not anticipated to be detrimental to local businesses.	
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear	Very important that proposal for this area is accepted	Strongly agree	The heritage of Leith needs to be recognised and preserved by ensuring extension of Conservation is approved	The Arches are particularly pertinent for to ensure preservation and recognition of their important attribution to Leith heritage
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree	Protection to arches would lead to keepin local jobs and services, maintaning local unique character and heritage, retaining embodied energy vs an appetite for demolition. A rare opportunity to crate a unique economically and socially thriving place by building on existing material and intangible local assets.	A rare opportunity to crate a unique economically and socially thriving place by building on existing material and intangible local assets.
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
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Somewhat clear		Strongly agree	This space is vital to the ethos of the community. It would be a significant loss. All must be done to protect it.	
Very clear		Strongly agree		The Arches house a number of businesses and workplaces, with additional recreational spaces - both inventive and traditional. The Arches sustain a very wide range of our community, without the need for subsidy or philanthropic venture - the area is a functioning asset. I support the idea of ensuring any future development would be sensitive to the way the use of the Arches has evolved
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
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Somewhat clear		Strongly agree	The bridge, arches and bingo hall are an important part of the character of this part of Leith Walk.	I think it is important the character of the area and that Leith's industrial past is preserved. The arches and bingo hall could be used (and some already are) as important cultural venues and local businesses.
Somewhat clear		Somewhat agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear	So much of Leith has already gone, in some places it doesn't even look like Leith anymore. Extending the Conservation area will allow the history to stay now and for the future.	Strongly agree	The Arches reflect the dynamic and mixed environment that has made Leith a great place to live for the last 100 years and can for the next 100.	The Arches and former cinema are able to provide a range of commercial and service opportunities. The Arches are part of Leith's architectural heritage reflecting its railway, manufacturing and service traditions. It would be nice to see the railway bridge back!

Very clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat unclear		Somewhat agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		The arches are beautiful and part of the community and should be maintained for future generations.
Very clear		Strongly agree	Certain areas need preserving. It retains history and character. No one wants thousands of student flats or other housing areas after tearing down historic or quirky properties. It removes the character of an area not to mention cramming hundreds of extra people in the area with limited services.	
Very clear		Strongly agree		
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Somewhat clear		Strongly agree	Strongly support the protection of the railway arches - the rest of Manderston Street is a tragedy in its lost heritage, vital to retain the other side of the road	
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Very clear		Strongly agree		
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Very clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Don't know/Unsure		Strongly agree	I think it is very important to extend the conversation area to include the arches and the bingo hall. This is an important part of Leith's heritage and adds to the architectural richness of the area.	
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
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Very clear		Strongly agree		
Don't know/Unsure		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree	essential to keep what we have left of leith	
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree	I think it is important to conserve Leith's architectural heritage. I would imagine the alternative is soulless blocks of flats.	
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		

Somewhat unclear		Somewhat agree	Arches need to be protected and kept. However the garages which have made them so eclectic recently must be allowed continue their business and not be required to make alterations etc	
Very clear		Strongly agree	Leith has lost most of its railway heritage so it is important to keep and enhance what is left	
Very clear		Strongly agree	Leith has lost most of its railway heritage so it is important to keep and enhance what remains	
Don't know/Unsure	Can't see a link to the report	Strongly agree	These are important structures and this should have been done years ago.	The Arches and Bingo Hall/former cinema are a tangible link to Leith's fascinating history and I love the feeling of connection this gives to the people who lived and worked here in the past. They are also really interesting structures to look at and there are thriving businesses operating in them, demonstrating they are of practical use. I strongly feel these structures need to be protected for the people of Leith from unsympathetic development.
Very clear		Strongly agree	The railway arches on Manderston Street are almost the last surviving evidence of the railway heritage I knew as a child which has slowly been eroded by the removal of Leith Central and the bridge across Leith Walk. This evidence makes sense of the rebuilding of the area to the east of the Walk that resulted from the building of the station- Lorne Street etc. Equally, the Leith Capitol was an important landmark and featured in my family oral history. While the current uses support local business, the arches and bingo hall are robust enough to be easily repurposed in the future and deserve to be included in the conservation area extension rather than remain at risk to be swept away. The typical street pattern in this area has already been eroded towards Easter Road with buildings set back from the pavements and the inclusion of the arches in the Conservation area would provide a bulwark against this continuing.	
Very clear		Strongly agree	The importance of the built form as reference to its past life is key to understanding Leith.	The built form encourages creative thought about how space is used here leading to innovative space for start up and established businesses creating a unique character .
Very clear	Protect the area! And keep a Community area? It's valued worldwide hands down!	Strongly agree	This community is vital and needs care! To pretend it's a fair to allow any development in this community is fake! Money follows etc	To be Frank ?How do you measure community against development companies! It angers me? Bulldozers? Again? Keep as a conservation area!
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear	Very well done	Strongly agree	Wonderful idea	
Very clear		Strongly agree	Great idea!	
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		
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Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		

Very clear		Somewhat agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree		<p>We suggest that consideration be given to amending the boundary on the north side of the bingo hall to include as much of the historic lane as possible. This would help conserve sections of historic streetscape but also recognise the wider connections of historic value in the area.</p> <p>Also, consideration might be given to including the large shed between the hall and the tenements on Leith Walk. This would act as a buffer area, and whilst not preventing redevelopment of this non-descript structure, would give added control to the planning authority in managing any proposals coming forward. Such inclusions have been done in the past, and would be merited here.</p> <p>On Manderston Street, we would advise that all of the street be included in the extended area. The settled street provides much character to the area and is historically linked to the expanded area. Appropriate Article 4 Directions could be promoted to ensure active and effective conservation of the street surface.</p> <p>We have no comments to add to the proposed extension to the north of Leith Walk.</p>
Very clear		Strongly agree	I fully support the extension of the conservation area. These arches and the related Art Deco cinema are an asset to Leith and should be properly looked after.	
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Somewhat clear	It seemed to be vague about actually stating the cinema/bingo hall was included in the conservation area. If you didn't know the area, you would hardly know it was included	Strongly agree		<p>The Arches are part of Leith's architectural heritage reflecting its railway, manufacturing and service traditions and including them in the conservation area will limit development efforts to those that treat the Arches sensitively</p> <p>The former cinema(now bingo) provides a community service and with some touch up improvements to decoration, it would show what a fine art deco building this is, and with the arches it will continue that into the future to meet the needs of future generations</p> <p>The conservation area extension will protect a historical mixed environment that has made Leith a great place to live now and into the future</p>
Somewhat clear		Strongly agree		
Very clear		Strongly agree	The arches are part of Leith's architectural heritage reflecting its railway, manufacturing and service traditions. They are Leith's true heritage and help give a sense of belonging to the community.	

Very clear		Strongly agree	Including the arches in the conservation area will limit development efforts to those that treat the arches sensitively. The arches will continue to develop into the future to meet the needs of future generations.	
Very clear		Strongly agree		Disappointing that the parking bays/pavements are not included in the proposal as thus the trees on the pavements protruding out on Manderston Street are not protected by the extension of the conservation area, but otherwise a very positive proposal.