

Conservation areas - Eyemouth

Conservation Area

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Conservation Area Statement

The Conservation Area in Eyemouth includes the entire town centre, the harbour and a considerable part of the coast.

Eyemouth is Scotland's second largest inshore fishing port and typifies 18th century harbour front development however, there has been a harbour here since the 12th century.

The remains of a series of fortifications from prehistoric times to the 20th century are situated in the most northerly part of the Conservation Area.

The Conservation Area retains many of the distinctive townscape characteristics that are only found within a Scottish coastal town such as Eyemouth. These include the harbour and a considerable part of the coast.

A number of villa-style properties along the west side of Victoria Road form an attractive entrance leading to the town centre, along with the many good examples of traditional architecture (particularly the Burgh Chambers, Gunsgreen House and the terraces along Paxton Terrace and Armitage Street).

The traditional layout of Harbour Road, the High Street and the Market Place are also important features. The Town's Harbour is, in particular, essential to the character of the place.

The coast is an additional element to the townscape quality along with the coastal walk and the Marine Parade.

Properties range from single storey to three, and three and a half storeys along the Harbour Road.

Any new development must therefore aim to contribute to the existing character of the Conservation Area. Also included within the Conservation Area is retail and other commercial properties, any alterations to these should seek to respect the individual building and the wider Conservation Area.

Within the amended Eyemouth Conservation Area there are 64 listed properties including two of category 'A'.

Alterations from previous Statement and Boundary

Alterations to the Eyemouth Conservation Area boundary from that shown in the Berwickshire Local Plan (1994) consist of the exclusion of 8 Fort Road as well as the inclusion of The Moorings, Pinkie House and Wyngate. General tidying of the boundary follows elements on the ground.

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