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Submitted to Should Douglas Head be considered for Conservation Area status?  
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## Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

Organisation:  
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4 May we publish your response?

Yes, you can publish my response in full

Should Douglas Head be considered for Conservation Area status?

5 Do you think Douglas Head should be designated as a Conservation Area?

Yes

6 Where do you think the boundary should be?

Please add your comments:

The boundaries suggested in the supporting document submitted by David Wertheim and Charles Guard seem most appropriate:  
"that the boundary of the Douglas Head Conservation Area to the north and east should include South Quay and follow the quay eastwards from a point immediately in front of the Manx Gas building to the Battery Pier. Logically it would include the pier and then follow the coast line eastwards past Douglas Lighthouse and then southwards to a point just beyond the ornamental toll gateway.  
To the south and west the boundary would follow a straight line from the point on the coast defined above to the highest point of the skyline on Douglas Head. The boundary would then follow the skyline to the west to a point south of the starting point on the South Quay. On the western side it would then be joined in a line with the point on the quay except where it needs to deviate to include the whole of the quarry wall enclosing the South Quay Industrial Estate."

7 Please list any buildings, structures, particular land uses etc. that you feel contribute to the area and support arguments that the area has special architectural or historic interest.

Please add your comments:

Bridge Control Building  
Douglas Lighthouse  
Great Union Camera Obscura  
Harold Tower  
Ravenscliffe  
Taubman Terrace on Fort William  
Trafalgar House

For the majority of people visiting or returning to our shores, this area is one of the first striking views that they have of our capital. The area contains not only individual buildings of note, some of which are Registered, but also historic terraces and areas of landscape and open space, which are visible from across Douglas Bay and the town itself. That it has been used for such a wide variety of purposes over the centuries makes Douglas Head very interesting historically and worthy of protection - from entertainments in the heyday of the Island's tourism to defensive purposes during WWII. Furthermore, it has been enjoyed as a residential and recreational area, as well as the site of industrial development.  
Douglas Head compares significantly with existing designated Conservation Areas and deserves similar recognition as a matter of priority.

8 Please explain why you think Douglas Head should not be Conservation Area and where possible please list any buildings, structures or particular land uses etc. that you feel detract from the area and weaken any arguments that the area has special architectural or historic

interest.

Please add your comments: