

Character Area 6:

County institutions: St Lawrence's, Bodmin gaol, Bodmin barracks

This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in Section 7 of the report.

Character summary

Three discrete areas on the outer edge of Bodmin's historic extent are characterised by the presence of large complexes of well-designed nineteenth-century institutional buildings set within strongly bounded grounds.

Regeneration opportunities

- Recognise that these complexes are of significance to Cornwall as a whole and should be treated as places of county-wide importance.
- Retain the visual integrity of the complexes.
- Prioritise a programme for the whole of the historic prison complex aimed at conserving the fabric and bringing it into full use and contribution.
- Ensure that the park-like character of the grounds to St Lawrence's is retained. Explore potential for new public green space on the site.
- Enable access to the complexes for public appreciation.
- Improve the public realm at West End and around Bodmin General station.
- Maintain and develop levels of tree cover, including roadside trees.
- Extend the Conservation Area to include all of the historic structures within these Character Areas.
- Include the Bodmin Gaol site in regeneration planning for the adjacent Dennison Road – Berrycoombe Road area (Character Area 4).



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- Primary study area (1907 urban extent)
- Conservation Area
- Scheduled Monument
- Listed Building
- Other Significant Building

Top: Bodmin Gaol – view from Cardell Road (left) and gable of former cell block.
 Middle: Bodmin Barracks – DCLI Museum (left) and terraced villas on St Nicholas Street.
 Bottom: St Lawrence's – part of the 'panopticon' and entrance block (left) and the 1904 Foster Building.

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