

Character area 6:

The historic core – the Bank and Hugh Street

This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in sections 5 and 6 of the report.

Character summary

The historic core of the settlement and still Hugh Town's commercial focus. A narrow main street and several small irregular 'squares' are for the most part strongly enclosed by stone-fronted or plain rendered buildings, creating a tight grained, strongly urban streetscape.

Regeneration opportunities

As with character area 2, the importance of this area for regeneration is in terms of its quality and distinctiveness; the small-scale urban experience which these areas offer is fundamental to the unique character and quality of Hugh Town as a whole.

Potential short-term enhancements to the area include:

Reduction in parking

- Parking in key spaces such as that below Tregarthen's Hotel, the slip beside the Atlantic Hotel, the west end of the Parade and Ingram's Opening is visually obtrusive. Measures to reduce parking levels could be carried forward as part of an overall transport strategy, incorporating measures for significant reductions in vehicle numbers within Hugh Town.

Improvements to the external appearance of the Co-Operative building

- The external treatment of the large historic building occupied by the Co-operative in Hugh Street, particularly the low level of detailing, current decorative scheme and commercial signage, make it over-prominent within this important streetscape.

Review street furniture and signage

- There is potential to further reduce the already low level of street 'clutter' in the character area through a review of signage, telephone boxes and other items in the area around the Parade and Ingram's Opening.

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Key

- Character Area boundary
- Scheduled Monument
- Listed Building
- Other Historic Building
- Historic Plot



A high degree of completeness, good quality historic fabric and urban density on a small scale mark out the historic core of Hugh Town.

