

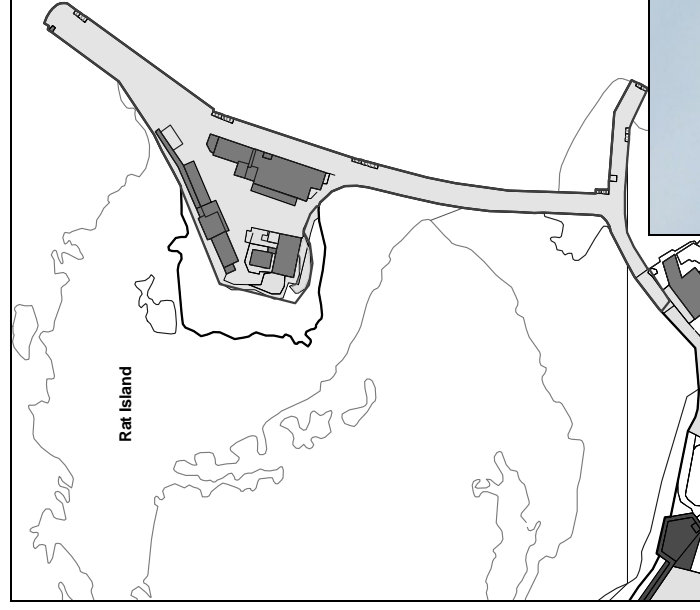
**HUGH TOWN**  
**Character area 8:**  
**The Quay**

Hugh Town's early 17<sup>th</sup> century quay provides a strong visual reminder of the settlement's historic origins but is also part of a vital working element of the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy of the town.



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The visual prominence of the quay requires that future development here shows careful regard for the quality of the setting and the site's importance as a 'gateway'.



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

**Character summary**

Successive phases of Hugh Town's quay mark major steps in the town's historic development. The distinctive fabric of the quay itself, together with the movement and activity associated with it, are key elements in many views from the town.

**Regeneration opportunities**

In addition to its economic significance, the quay is of major historic importance and an important landmark for the town and wider area.

**Regard for the historic fabric and visual prominence**

- There are current proposals to extend the quay to provide enhanced facilities for passenger and freight handling. This could include some reclamation of the area between Rat Island and the Garrison shore. Planning for this important regeneration project should be informed by a detailed understanding of the historic fabric of the quays but also by a high regard for their visual prominence: any infilling of the area on the landward side of Rat Island is likely to have a major impact on the distinctive visual setting of the Garrison and the historic town.

**Key**

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

