

**Character Area 1a:
Central Commercial Core –
The Medieval Market**

This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in Section 8 of the report.

Character Summary

This area originally comprised the medieval commercial core and is still a busy shopping district. The area is characterised by narrow interconnecting streets lined with eighteenth and nineteenth century buildings many with their original shopfronts.

Regeneration opportunities

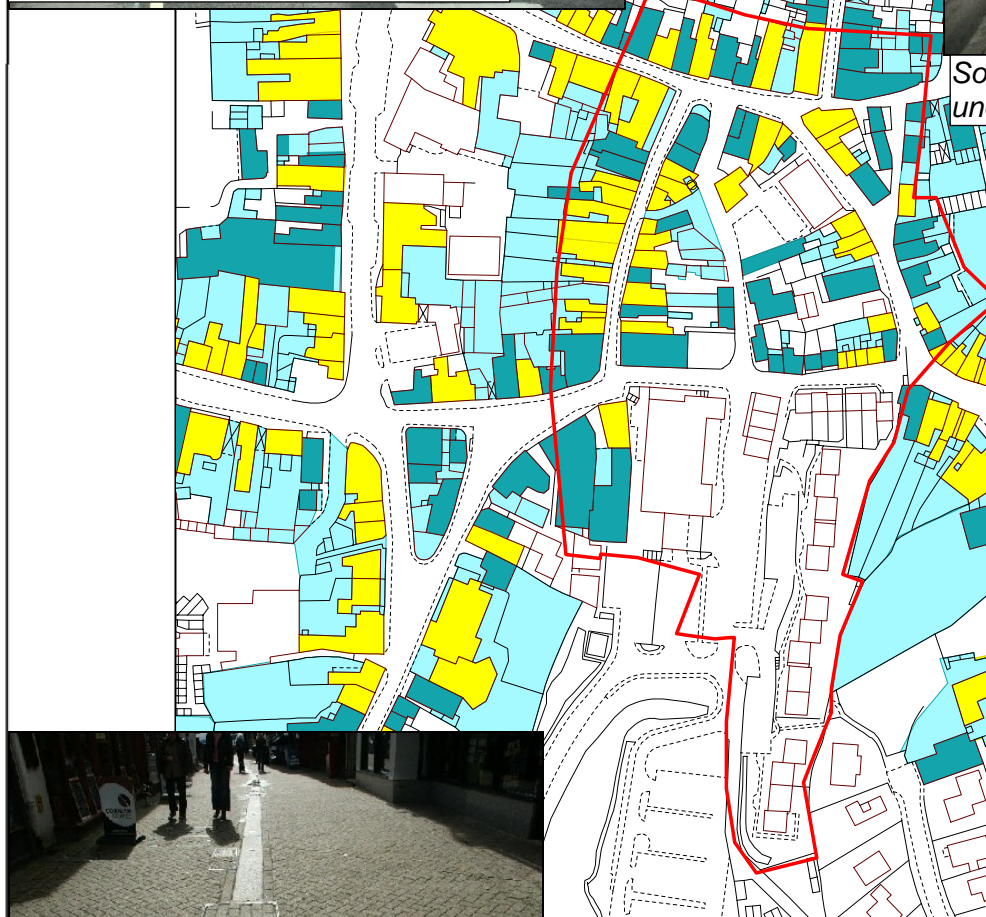
- Reuse the empty spaces above shops.
- Develop the back-plot areas.
- Rethink the Sun Girt car park area to make better use of the space.
- Improve the important focal point at the junction between Fore Street and Bay Tree Hill.
- Replace the present uninspiring paving scheme in Fore Street in order to restore the street's profile and enhance the high quality buildings.
- Any development of gap sites should respect the scale, plan, design and materials of the surrounding historic fabric.
- Enhance forecourt areas with appropriate railings and paving.



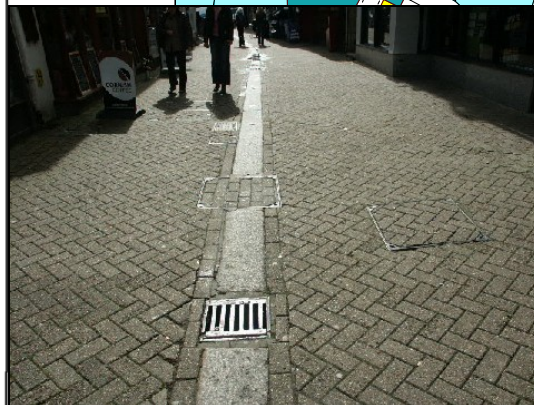
The site of the medieval market place



Some of the upper floors of shops are at present underused



The Sun Girt area currently under utilised as a car park



The unsuccessful paving scheme in Fore Street.



Poor quality forecourts off Market Street and Church Street

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- Character Area boundary
- Scheduled Monument
- Listed Building
- Other Significant Building
- Historic Plot
- Historic Park and Garden

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