

**Character Area 2a:
Post Medieval Urban Expansion -
The West Area**

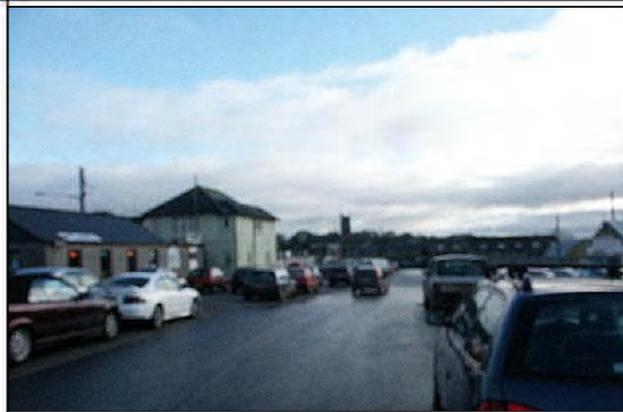
This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in Section 8 of the report.

Character Summary

Expansion into this area began as early as medieval times and there could still be fabric from this period within later buildings. However the major development took place in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries when a mix of commercial, domestic, light industrial buildings and chapels were built. A high proportion of the historic buildings still survive, although a number have been converted. The mixed economy still persists and on market days in particular this part of Liskeard still hums with life.

Regeneration opportunities

- If possible the cattle market should be retained in its present position but if, the site falls vacant any new development should be low key with a variety of uses such as further retail outlets or housing. Due to its elevated position any new buildings should be low lying.
- Any further conversion of historic buildings such as chapels and shops should preserve the historic detailing and avoid the use of inappropriate signage.
- Surviving historic shopfronts could be restored through a shopfront scheme.
- Improve the approach to Westbourne car park and landscape the car park itself.
- On street parking should be considered to slow the traffic flow and make the area more attractive to pedestrians.
- Planting of trees and the use of smaller scale street lighting, could reclaim the area for pedestrians.



Significant views of the town from the elevated site of the cattle market



At ground floor level this converted chapel on Station Road has lost many of its original features



One of the alleyways which originally connected Barn Street to the cattle market



The ill-defined and gaping approach to Westbourne car park



At present Westbourne car park is a desolate space with no landscaping despite its site surrounded by prominent historic buildings

Character Area Summary Sheet 3

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

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