

Character Area 2b:
The Castle & Post Medieval Urban Expansion - The East Area

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

Character Summary

Like the western end the development of this area began with the expansion of the Medieval core, but intensive development did not take place until the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. However the nature of the terrain and the existing medieval street patterns have resulted in an area of smaller scale buildings with mainly narrow street frontages. Less suitable for light industry the majority of buildings were originally shops and town houses. Although a few shops and offices can still be found in this area the majority of buildings are now domestic and the atmosphere is far quieter than on the western side.

Regeneration opportunities

- A CAP type or shopfront scheme and a LOTS initiative could preserve historic fabric vulnerable to loss during conversion, and extend the vitality, security and value of the area.
- Signage and road markings should be rationalised and limited.
- Sweeping curves on re-engineered roads has resulted in traffic travelling too fast and isolating the Castle Park area. Consideration should be given to reinstating 'corners' to slow the flow of traffic.
- The underused Castle Park could represent a valuable public resource. This could be achieved through Archaeological investigation followed by interpretation and public realm works.



A former shop on Lower Lux Street now converted to domestic use

Looking north up Lower Lux Street the view is dominated by the road markings



Utilitarian railings in Castle Park which at present detract from the important historic character of the area



The cleared corner sites of Castle Street and Pound Street encourage motorist to drive at speed

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

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