

Character Area 3: Maritime and industrial Penryn – Glasney

This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the report.

Character summary

This area has historically been the economic powerhouse of the town. It has been the focus of much maritime and industrial activity, including the site of the medieval quay, the inner harbour and the 17th century Exchequer Quay. The culturally important site of Glasney College lies within the area. The character of this area is changing rapidly with the loss of maritime and industrial uses which previously defined it, being replaced by a greater amount of residential redevelopment. The area holds the key to reconnecting the town with its waterfront and is crucially important in the future success of the town.

Issues

- The area has high archaeological potential with historic quays and wharfs likely to have been encased in later land reclamation works
- The historically strong relationship of the town with the waterfronts has become much weakened
- As the waterfronts fall out of commercial use it is important their upkeep is maintained
- The special historic character of the area is under threat due to the loss of maritime and industrial uses and structures being replaced by a greater concentration of residential redevelopment
- The distinctiveness between Falmouth and Penryn is blurring as the 'gap' site between the two settlements is developed
- The maritime and industrial character of the area is under threat from over domestication caused by largely residential regeneration of inappropriate design and urban form
- Public access and enjoyment of the quaysides and waterfronts is being reduced by the effective privatisation of the Inner Harbour
- At present Exchequer Quay retains its working character. There is a potential threat that future regeneration proposals may result in the loss of this surviving authenticity
- A number of redundant streetscape features are vulnerable to decay and subsequent loss, for example a 19th century water pump off Hill Head
- Little survives above-ground of Glasney College, although there are considerable below ground remains. There is little interpretation or commemoration of the site and its religious and cultural significance

Regeneration opportunities

- Ensure that all development takes into account the high archaeological potential of the area
- Seek to strengthen the links between the town and the waterfront
- Ensure the conservation and maintenance of the quay walls and river bed
- Protect the historic character of the area by retaining historic structures, keeping them in use and where necessary sensitively converting them
- Create a welcoming eastern gateway
- Promote public access and enjoyment of the quaysides and waterfronts.
- Protect and enhance the important maritime and industrial character of these historic areas
- Promote and celebrate the continued maritime use of Exchequer Quay
- Use redundant streetscape features to promote a strong sense of local distinctiveness
- Celebrate the importance and significance of Glasney College



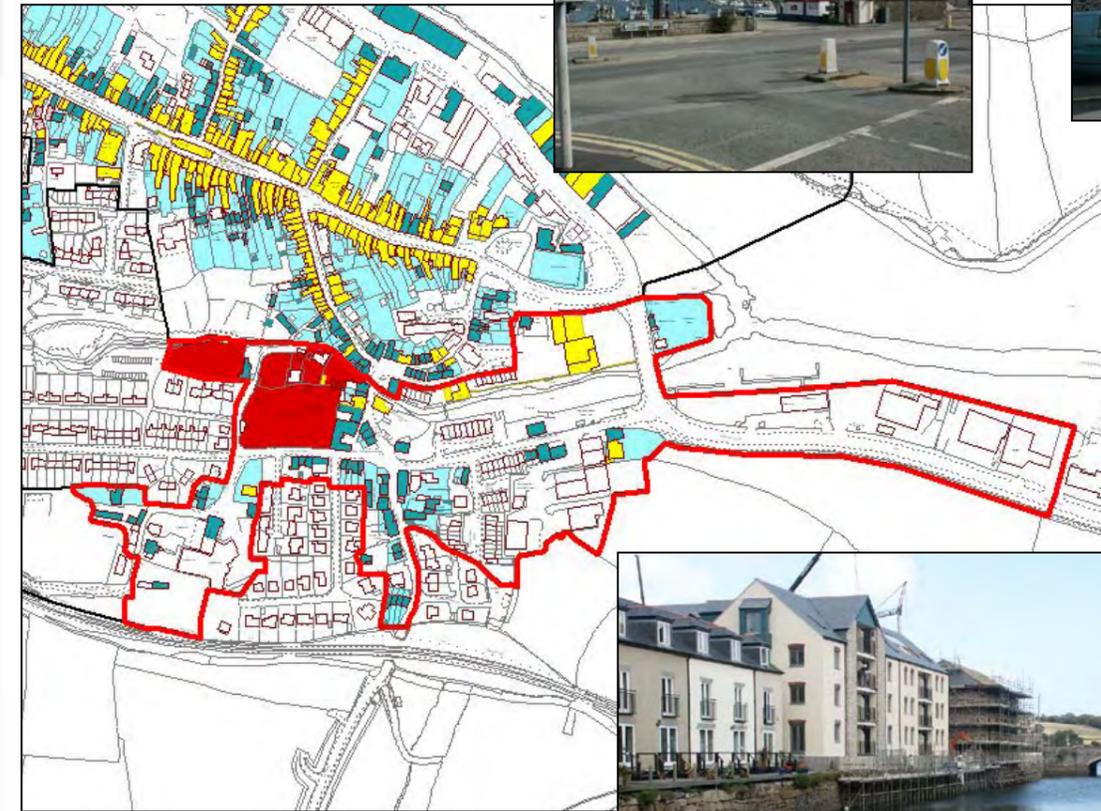
Inner harbour regeneration - Anchor Warehouse conversion



Exchequer Quay continues as a place of maritime work

Along Eastwood Road light industrial uses continue.

The former corn mill site is a prime redevelopment target



The Inner Harbour area has absorbed a large amount of residential conversion and new development. The future of a number of historic buildings has been secured as a result



Site of Glasney College. Potential for improved celebration and interpretation of this important site



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

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