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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

2b Tidal harbour

The large expanses of tidal water in the outer harbour and inner basin give this area an open, expansive character, framed on the landward side by historic buildings mounting the coastal slope.

2c Working harbour

A busy, strongly enclosed area, dominated by large buildings and engineered structures and a mix of industrial, commercial, maritime and tourist and leisure uses.

Regeneration opportunities

• **View the harbour within a wider context**

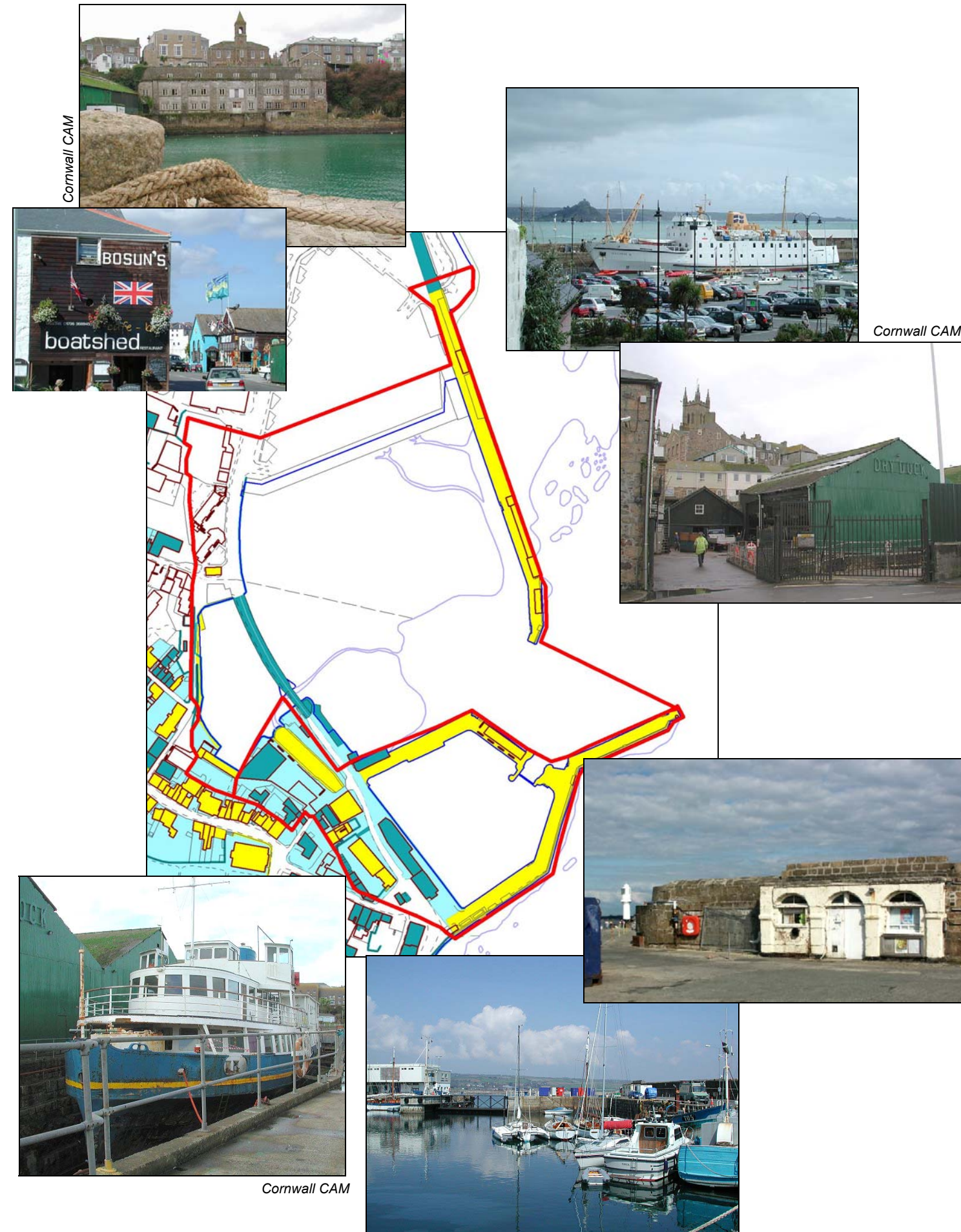
Regeneration proposals for the town can be too heavily focused on the harbour, at the expense of the wider environment and community. Within the harbour area, the cumulative effect of a series of carefully conceived smaller interventions may be more economically effective and less physically intrusive than 'big hit' schemes.

• **Seek opportunities from the historic environment**

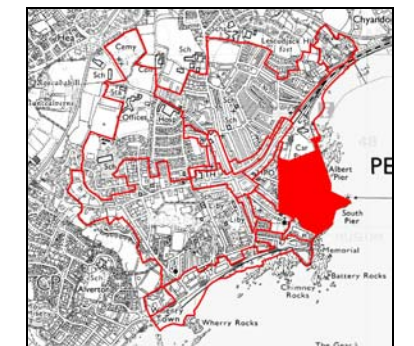
Designation of the historic environment in the harbour gives a 'quality' tag to the buildings and development sites there; it is not a constraint. Designation opens up new areas of funding and support. Restoration of individual historic structures, such as the Abbey warehouse, could be key exemplars for the town and a catalyst for further investment.

• **Enhance public access and facilities**

Already a significant visitor draw, the harbour itself is an attraction; there are restaurants, a museum and arts activities in the vicinity and the swimming pool is adjacent. Yet the pedestrian environment is poor and access to the quays and piers difficult; public facilities are lacking. There is potential here for significant enhancement of the public realm and access provision.



-  Character Area Boundary
-  Scheduled Monument
-  Listed Building
-  Other Historic Building
-  Historic Plot
-  Registered Historic Park & Garden
-  Other Recreation & Open Space



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