






**Character Area 1:
Fore Street**

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

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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

Fore Street is the town's principal commercial street, a medieval market street set on a steeply sloping hill, offering spectacular views into and out of the town. A unique collection of highly detailed and individual buildings jostle for position and tell of the former mining-related wealth of the town and its commercial glory.

Regeneration opportunities

- **Reassert the primacy of Fore Street within the urban hierarchy** use its quality to promote a positive image of the town.
- **Define gateways to Fore Street** to announce its primacy within the town.
- **Increase the perceived vitality of the street** through building repair, maintenance and increased activity levels.
- **Reveal and maximise the quality of the street** through streetscape improvements and strong future management of the public realm.
- **Strengthen the connection between upper and lower Fore Street** to ensure the town maximises its principal street.
- **Improve integration of Fore Street with the surrounding town** to increase economic vitality and reinforce a town wide identity.



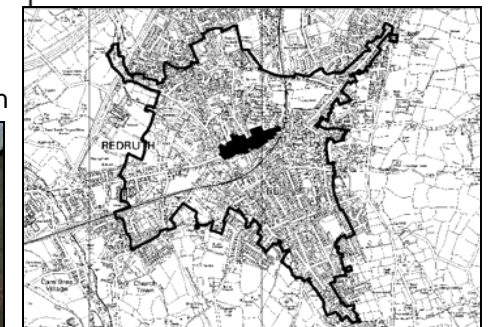
Use the existing architectural quality to strengthen the connection between upper and lower Fore Street and connections to the rest of the town



The clock tower, icon of the town and prominent landmark throughout the streets



The Regal cinema, 1935, quality architectural contribution of its time



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Respect the high quality built environment with sympathetic shop front design and maintenance of architectural detail



Make full use of upper storeys to ensure upkeep of buildings, maximise economic viability and bring increased vitality to the town centre



'Tattie court' shows the former width of the of the medieval market place and its later encroachment

Single storey shop front projection



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