






CSUS: ST AUSTELL

Character area 6:

Aylmer Square & Trinity Street

-  Character Area boundary
-  Scheduled Monument
-  Listed Building
-  Other historic building
-  Other historic site

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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

This pedestrian shopping precinct and road bypassing the town centre were constructed as part of a 1960s modernisation programme. They were constructed on a sloping, largely greenfield site adjoining the historic core of St Austell. It was a large and innovative development, very much of its time in terms of design and materials. The buildings form large blocks of strongly rectilinear design threaded by pedestrian walkways. The precinct faces inwards, addressing Aylmer Square and Old Vicarage Place; some of its key external faces are almost wholly inactive. It is the currently the subject of a major regeneration initiative which will involve large-scale demolition of the earlier development.

Regeneration opportunities

Design to bind the new development into the historic town

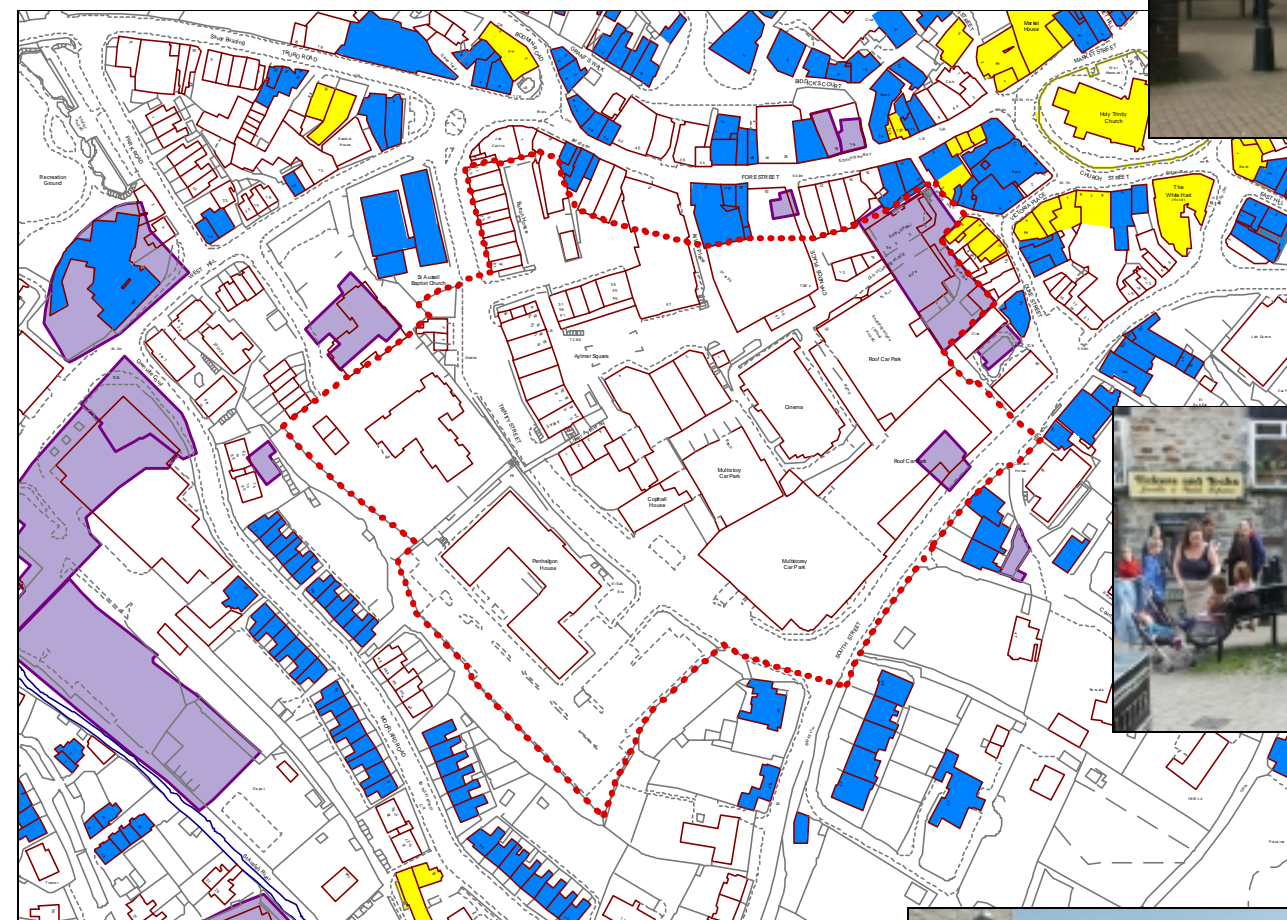
- Incorporate distinctive elements of St Austell's historic urban design (e.g., sloping topography, key views, radiating street pattern, curvilinear street lines, informally defined public open spaces, etc.).
- Respect the established urban hierarchy and dominant scale of the historic built environment
- Utilise the diversity of historic building design – architectural forms, materials, massing and detail – whilst asserting modernity of design.
- Create active, welcoming and sympathetic interfaces between the regeneration area and adjacent areas.
- Increase permeability and connectivity between the historic town and new development.



Aylmer Square regeneration: creating a new urban quarter for the 21st century



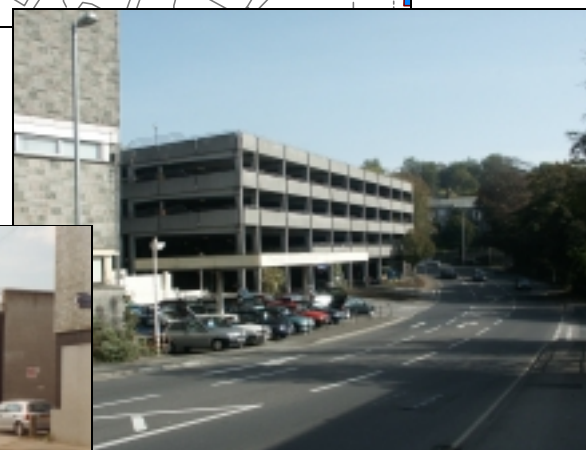
Regeneration offers a major opportunity to integrate and bind the area more closely into the historic urban environment



Old Vicarage Place – an important interface between the old and new



Importance of active and appropriate external edges: Trinity Street, South Street and the multi-storey car park



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