

**Character Area 1: Medieval commercial core: Church, Market Place and Fore Street**

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

**Character summary**

Historically this is the town's primary urban area, with church, market place and main commercial street. Its urban pre-eminence weakened with the 19<sup>th</sup> century rise of the rest of the commercial town (Character Area 2) and the late 20<sup>th</sup> century tourism magnet of the harbour. There is a distinct difference in character between the northern and southern ends of Fore Street with the southern end sharing more of the character of the 19<sup>th</sup> century civic urban rebuilding of High Street and Tregenna Place and Hill (Character Area 2) and the northern end retaining more of the earlier built fabric and smaller scale of the 17<sup>th</sup> century town.

**Issues**

- Area has lost its urban pre-eminence and Fore Street is severed from the rest of the commercial town (Character Area 2) due to the dominance of the traffic system and public realm treatment of the Market Place
- Churchyard is an underused asset
- Shop fronts along Fore Street are a mix of high quality traditional frontages and incongruous late 20th century examples
- Fore Street's public realm is becoming dominated by unnecessary clutter

**Regeneration opportunities**

- Reintegrate Fore Street with the rest of the commercial town
- Recognise the historic and urban importance of the churchyard as a green oasis in the town centre and encourage further use of this important asset
- Celebrate, repair and maintain the surviving historic shop fronts and replace inappropriate late 20th century examples
- Reduce streetscape clutter and strongly manage the public realm



The important 15<sup>th</sup> century church forms a landmark throughout the town. The churchyard has scope for increased use. A 15<sup>th</sup> century lantern cross is a notable feature.



Stepped opes off Fore Street show the dramatic topography which is otherwise disguised within the street



There is a mixture of well detailed and poorly detailed shopfronts throughout the street.



The southern end of the street is dominated by 19<sup>th</sup> century rebuild structures of three storeys and with overtly urban character. The northern end of the street retains a smaller scale and vernacular detailing with surviving 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings.



Prestigious 18<sup>th</sup> century town house, Bunkers Hill



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- Character area boundary
- Conservation Area
- Article 4 Direction
- Scheduled Monument
- Listed Building
- Other Significant Building
- Historic Plot
- Registered park and garden
- Important green space & gardens

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