

Character Area 4: Down'long

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

Character summary

This densely packed 'fishing village' area of the town has a unique and powerful sense of place. The specialised architecture of domestic fish cellars, the remains of the industrial fish cellars, good surviving street surfacing and granite gutters retain character and identity. The semi-natural headland of the Island and the expanse of Porthmeor Beach with the Tate St Ives overlooking it mark the area out as special.

Issues

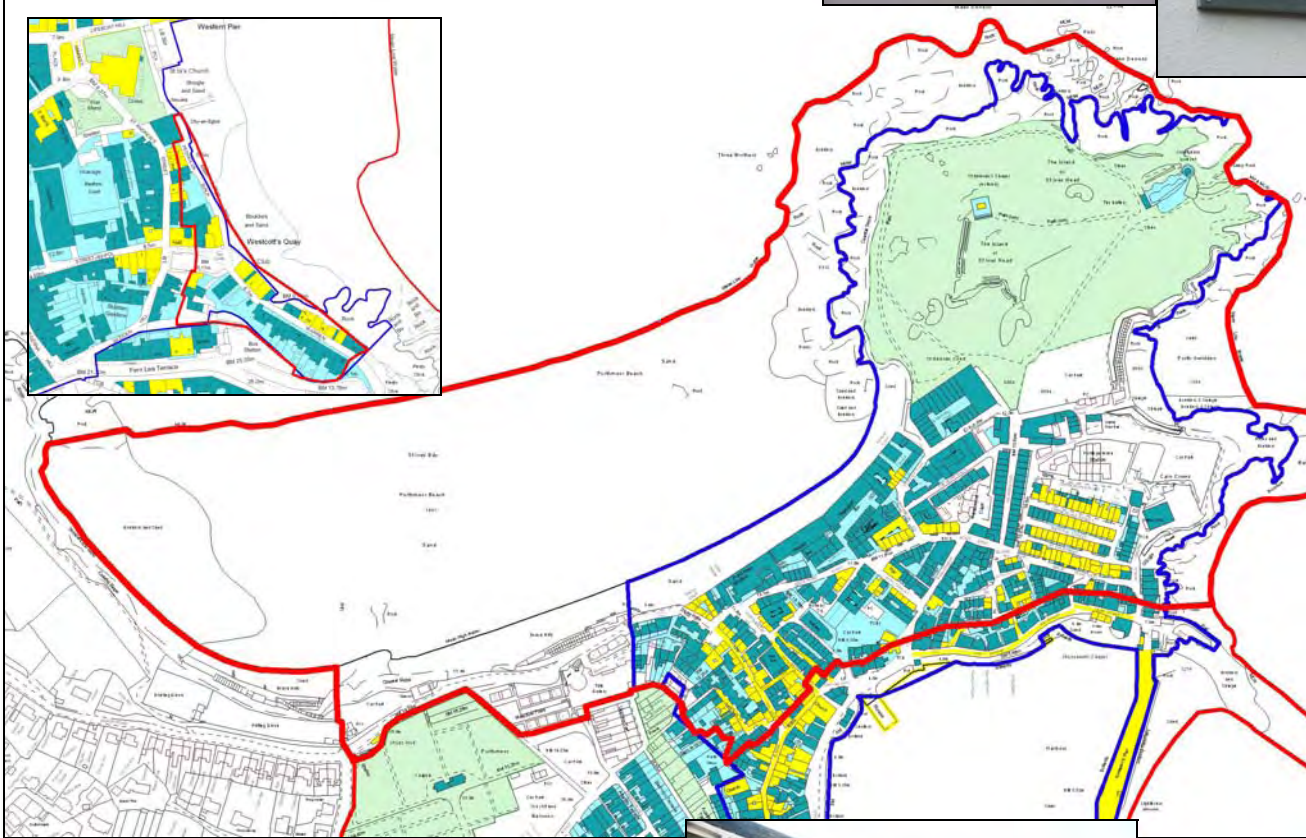
- The area's historic character is being diluted through incremental loss of historic detailing
- Areas of traditional surfacing are being lost
- Modern, mass-produced 'wheely bins' (for refuse) are highly visible in many streetscapes
- High traffic levels mar the enjoyment of this special historic area
- Maze of roads and pathways can cause pedestrian confusion and disorientation

Regeneration opportunities

- Conserve and protect historic buildings and architectural integrity
- Identify, protect, and maintain important streetscape elements
- Reduce the impact of wheely bins
- Reduce the impact of traffic in this sensitive area
- Retain the Island's semi-wild character



Distinctive urban form, note the 19th century grid of residential cellars and the large scale of the company cellars near Porthmeor beach



This image shows the importance of the historic surfacing to the character of the area. Its loss has greatly reduced the special character of this alley.



Densely packed maze like development



Architectural forms of the area are shaped by their past fishing use. Domestic cellars with external stairs and industrial scaled company cellars form distinctive reminders of this heritage and the fishing community



The area around The Warren shares a similar character to the densely packed streets of Down'long

Character area 4:

Down'long

- 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