

Character Area 12b:

Upper Pydar Street

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

Character summary

Set above the city astride a medieval routeway, this was the site of the castle and first planted settlement of Truro. The area has been subject to major later 20th century change and little historic fabric remains. It is now dominated by large building complexes, roads and parking.

Regeneration opportunities

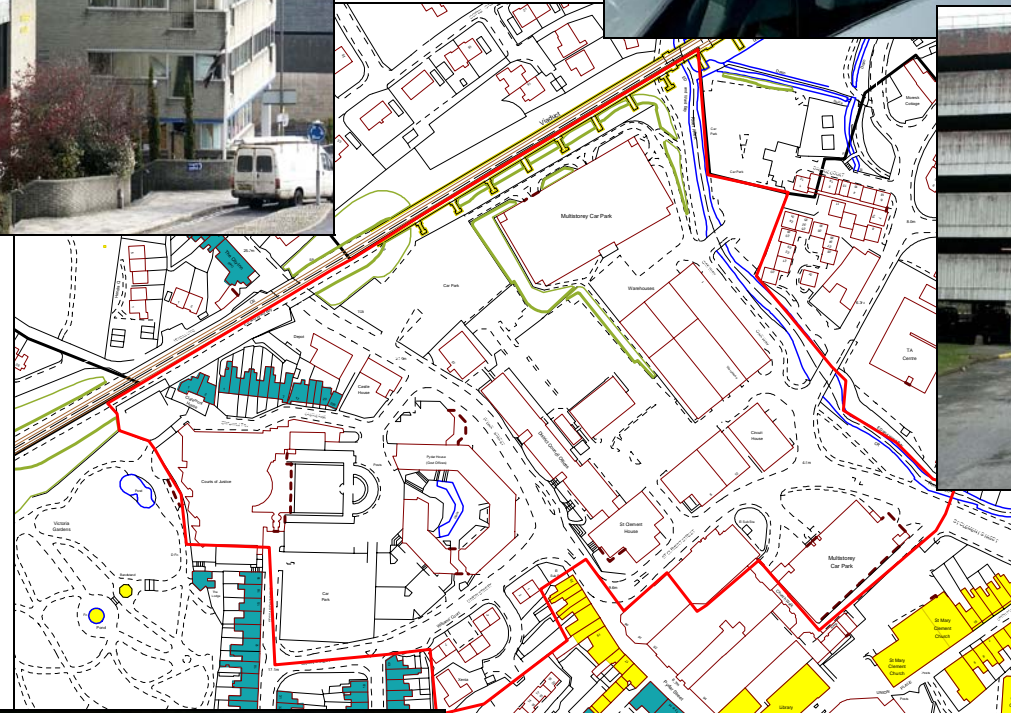
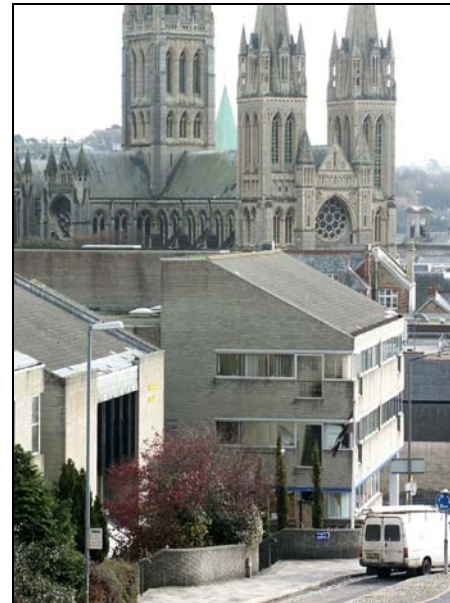
Change in this area should aim to reinstate a degree of continuity with the strong urban qualities of adjacent Character Areas – tight grain, strong sense of enclosure, active street frontages. All are currently absent in an area designed for vehicles rather than for people.

- **Reinstate appropriate urban form.** In the short term, use planting to increase the sense of enclosure. Reduce the use of sweeping curves in roads, replacing them with more urban rectilinear street junctions.

In the longer term redevelopment would be beneficial. This should re-create built-up street frontages of buildings of appropriate form and scale.

This would provide a more fitting setting for the award-winning Law Courts.

- **Use character to guide redevelopment.** This applies most immediately to the large site running from upper Pydar Street to the River Allen. Design of any development here will have a significant impact on perceptions of the quality of Truro's built environment. It is crucial therefore that the development is appropriate in form, scale and function. It should respect the urban hierarchy, complementing rather than competing with the city centre, reinforce the small-scale character of Truro, and not diminish the quality of views to the cathedral.
- Promote access to green spaces - Victoria Park, Daubuz Moors, St Mary's cemetery and the River Allen corridor.



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