

Character Area 4:

Francis Street, Ferris Town and St George's Road

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

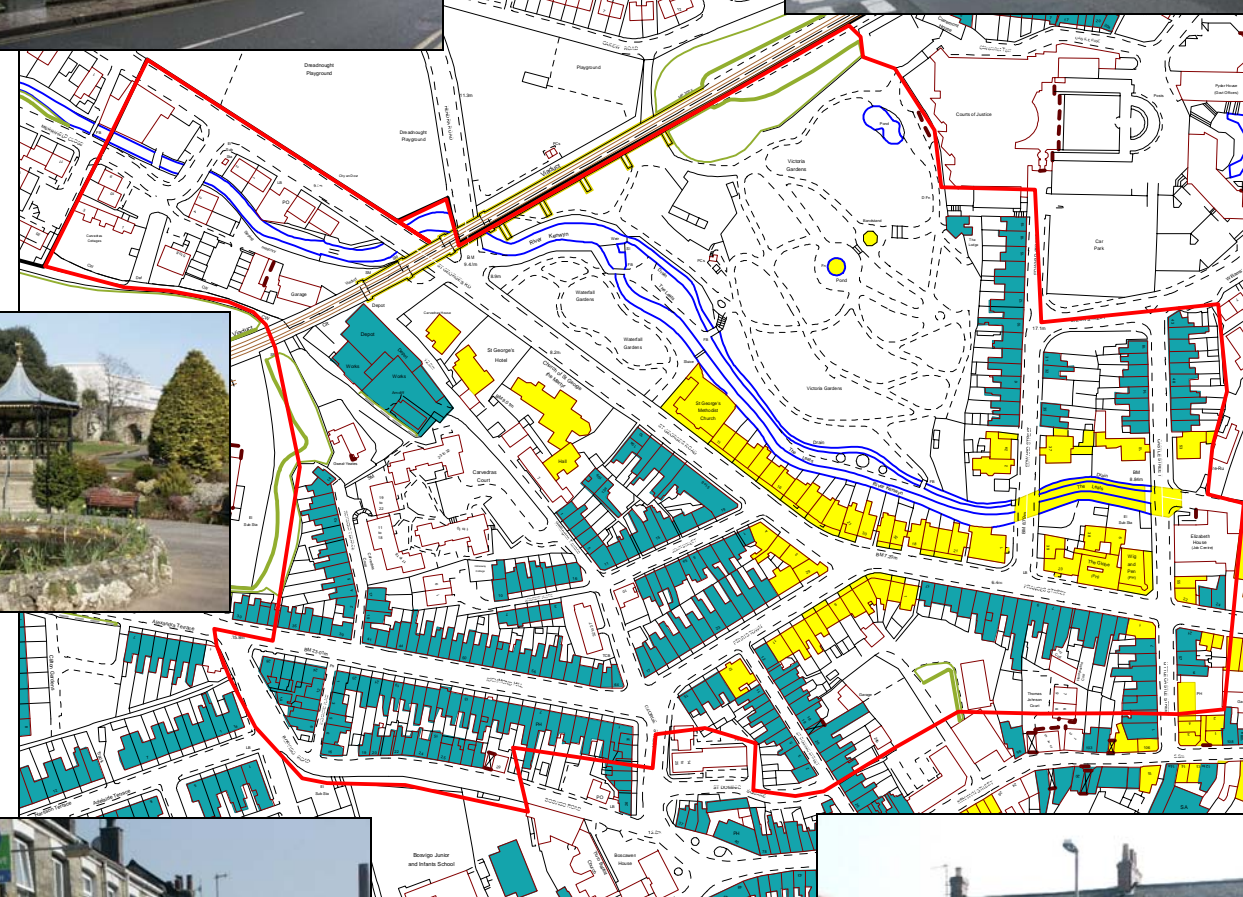
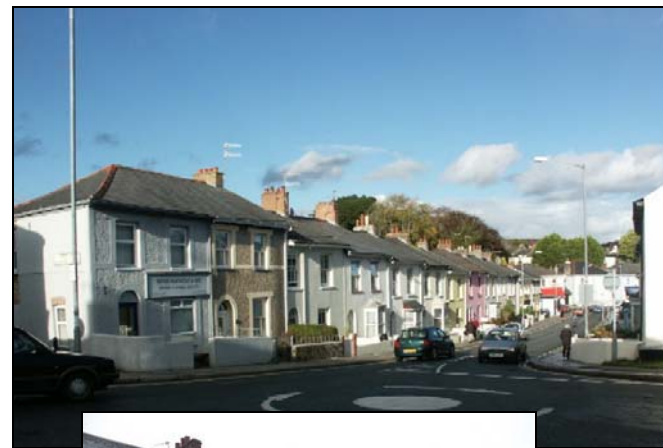
Character summary

A new suburb of the 1820-40s with a planned mix of genteel and modest terrace housing in a distinctive, high-quality 'Cornish Regency' style. Later elements – the mid 19th century church, chapel, school and vicarage, monumental railway viaduct and Victorian public park – augment the sense of a 'designed' urban quarter.

Regeneration opportunities

Second only to Lemon Street in terms of unified architectural character, the area's distinctiveness and quality are key regeneration assets.

- **Maintain and enhance the asset.** Long-term conservation of the asset is crucial; there is likely to be potential for schemes to aid maintenance of buildings and the repair or reinstatement of historic shopfronts.
- **Inspire and set standards for new elements.** The quality and distinctiveness of historic features should inform that of new works (buildings and public realm).
- **Encourage quality uses.** Encourage uses that complement the historic character of the area and so ensure appropriate maintenance of the resource.
- **Promote awareness of the area.** Many visitors are currently unaware of the charms of the streetscapes, buildings and parks in this area.
- **Enhance as an approach to the centre.** The IADP identified the need to improve the western route into the city centre. Improvements to pedestrian access (eg more road crossings) would greatly enhance the experience of those arriving by train. More fundamentally, maintain and enhance the historic fabric.



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

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