

Character Area 3:

The waterfront

This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in Section 7.

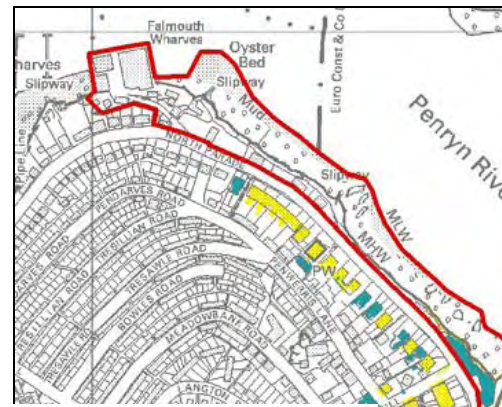
Character summary

Falmouth's historic working focus and *raison d'être*. Its historic topography and fabric form a striking and distinctive area of townscape, both from land and water. Large-scale modern developments are visually prominent but the area is particularly notable for the fine grain, diversity and charm of its historic components.

Regeneration opportunities

- Initiate a programme of improvement for waterfront building elevations.
- Maintain and conserve distinctive historic quay walls and structures.
- Explore potential for new build on the landward side of Fish Strand Quay.
- Improve the public realm in Church Street car park; explore potential for removing or reducing parking and developing a prestige building.
- Reduce / remove waterfront parking.
- Improve access.
- Seek beneficial uses for currently unused or underused waterside plots.
- Explore potential for additional access to waterfront premises from the water.
- Encourage new waterfront views from commercial premises.
- Improve the public realm.
- Create interpretation materials aimed at increasing appreciation of the historic waterfront.
- Ensure that future change is closely guided by characterisation.

Custom House and North Quays; later 17th century



Variety in waterfront building elevations



Open and paving, North Quay



Prince of Wales pier



View to Falmouth Docks and National Maritime Museum



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

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