# Lansdowne Design Code Development Management Session 

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## Place Based Objectives

- Better placemaking outcomes for Bournemouth's Central Business District. To achieve flair, local identity and individuality in design, rather than general, sterile code compliant structures.
- A high-quality, well-integrated and coordinated built environment.
- Achieving a comfortable sense of enclosure, whilst accommodating demand for intensification and higher buildings.
- Improving the overall environmental quality.
- A cohesive approach to designing the public realm.
- Encouraging investor confidence to support the area's transformation e.g. Masterplan.
- Delivering the full potential of Lansdowne as it transitions to higher densities i.e. challenging relationships with its heritage assets and not stifling design/heights, so as not to embalm the area.


## Opportunities in Assessing Planning Applications

- Proposed contribution to supporting place-based objectives.
- Articulation of proposed heights and their relationship to other buildings, where exceptions to height provisions will not be considered.
- Specific design features e.g. fully recessed balconies that can be used year-round.
- Proposed locations for tree planting and green space provision.
- Approach to waste management and the coordination with other uses and access.
- Allowance for legitimate variances on less significant matters e.g. materials.
- A 'compliance scale' measurement system to see a schemes' percentage compliance with the code. Code will be a material consideration, so weight apportioned to it in balance, depending on the percentage. To allow for common sense variance, rather than any rigid scoring.
- Can provide more certainty about what we want to secure in development terms.
- Directing the tallest buildings, up to 30 storey, to a gateway cluster.
- Ensuring that tall buildings have a clearly defined base, middle, shoulder and crown.
- Creating a human scale at street level, as with a 'shoulder height' around 6 to 8 storeys, with taller elements stepping back.
- Ensuring adequate separation distances.
- Creating continuous 'active frontages' with a consistent building line.

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Key:
Public realm enhancement
$\square$ Conservation areas
Listed buildings
-.- Locally listed buildings

- Design code movement
"- = Service lanes
- Other movement network
- Green pedestrian and cycle links
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- Primary frontage
-     -         - Potential secondary frontage

Retail and related use
$\square$ Typical street sections

- Typical street sections (for public space)
Proposed location for Mobility hub
(:) Bus station
* 'Gateway' tall buildings

Marker buildings
"(D) Potential parking provision
(20) Speed limit

- Structured tree planting (schematic) Building line / street width
Area subject to future detailed masterplan



## Testing Prior to Adoption



## Challenges in Implementation

- Applicants may present a justification to 'go higher' than the design code promotes. More challenging if scheme doesn't conform, causing delays to delivery, and requires strong negotiation/arbitration skills.
- Applicants defaulting to the maximum height could produce a flat skyline, lacking interest and articulation.
- Viability of new commercial development is presently very challenging.
- Management and location of building refuse disposal, in terms of approach, access and attractiveness.
- Internal bin stores and cycle storage, in areas of a building where more active uses are more beneficial. Underground bin stores can make a place appear very modern and dynamic.
- Fully projected balconies and other design features which are unattractive from a human scale.
- Services located in the footpath being a barrier to providing tree lined roads.
- Adoption of the final design code is dependent on the outcome of any further negotiation with critical stakeholders e.g. the Highways Authority.
- Cost/effectiveness. Code could add another level of policy assessment. Would this override the design/servicing policies in the area? Code not to be viewed in hindering the process, which delays or adds another level of assessment which puts pressure on already limited resources/volume of work/ risk to planning guarantee.

