

Lansdowne Design Code Development Management Session

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Place Based Objectives

- BCP Council
- 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.

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- 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.

Influencing The Built Form through the Development Management Process

- 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.

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- Ensuring adequate separation distances.
- Creating continuous 'active frontages' with a consistent building line.



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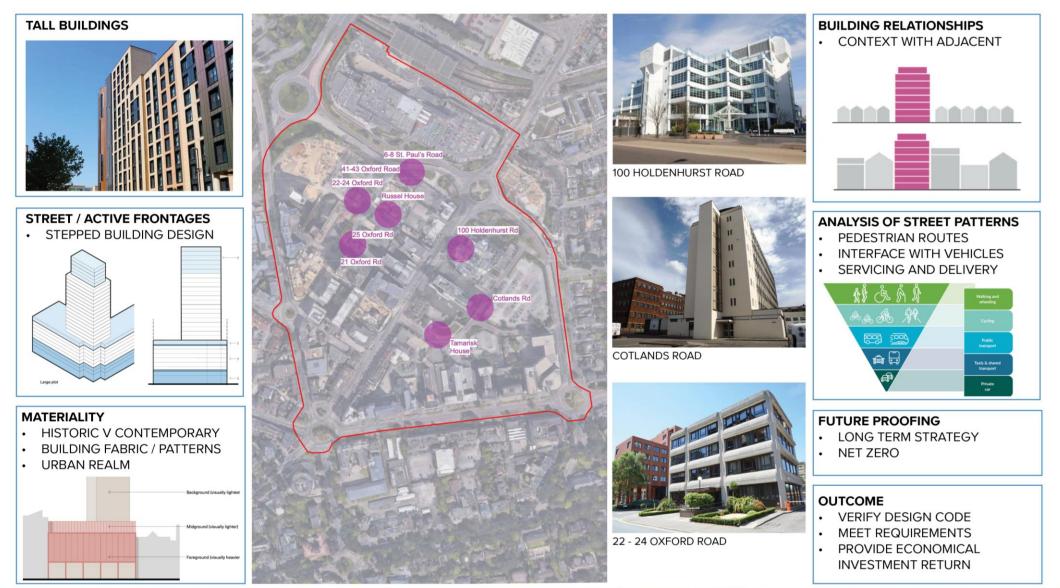
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vista, not necessarily tall.

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.