

Bishopwearmouth Conservation Area Management Plan





The Bishopwearmouth Conservation Area was designated in 1969 and centred upon the core of the medieval village. This was then extended in 1989 to include the surrounding 19th and early 20th century development in recognition of the varied architectural and historic interest.

The boundary includes a range of high quality Victorian and Edwardian buildings such as the Empire Theatre, and the Dun Cow and Peacock public houses, as well as the historic core of the medieval settlement around Sunderland Minster and Town Park.

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Historical development



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Landmark buildings





Public Realm





Map of target area showing eligible properties

Sunderland City Council submitted a funding application for the Bishopwearmouth Townscape Heritage Scheme to the Heritage Lottery Fund in August 2016, and was awarded development phase funding of £70K in February 2017 with £1.9m indicated for our round two application.

Since then we have been preparing the detailed documents for round two which we submitted in February 2018, with a final funding decision expected in June 2018.

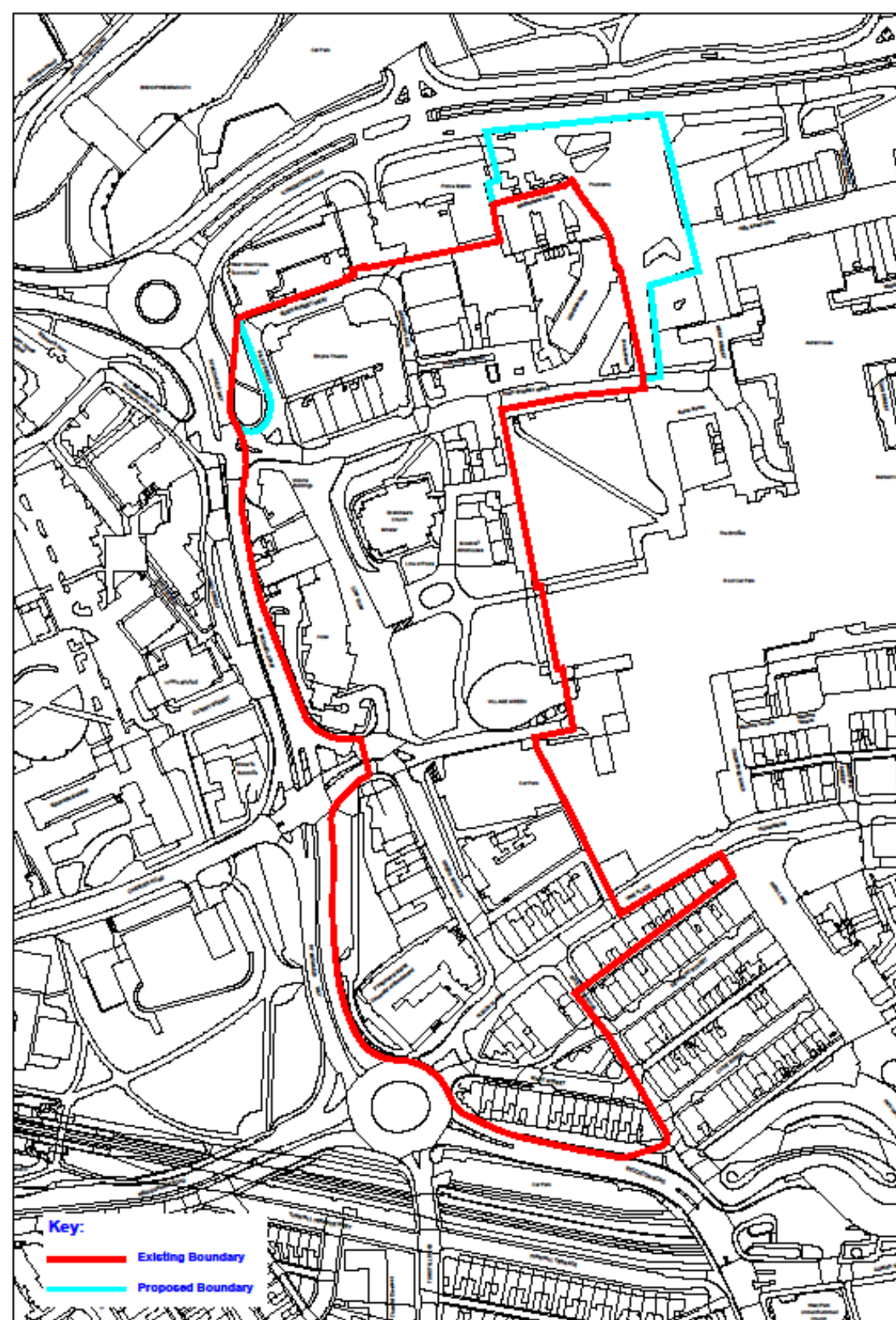
If our bid is successful a total fund of £2.5m would be spent within the project area undertaking a range of restoration and enhancement works to historic buildings, public realm works within Town Park and a program of events, training and activities from Summer 2018 until June 2023

Townscape Heritage Bid



As part of the bid the Council have undertaken a review of the designated conservation area and produced an updated Conservation Area Management Plan which highlights the unique significance of the area and sets out our commitment to future management.

As part of the review process it is proposed that the designated boundary be extended in 2018 to include Keel Square, in recognition of the role of this space in the regeneration of the conservation area and of the wider cultural quarter



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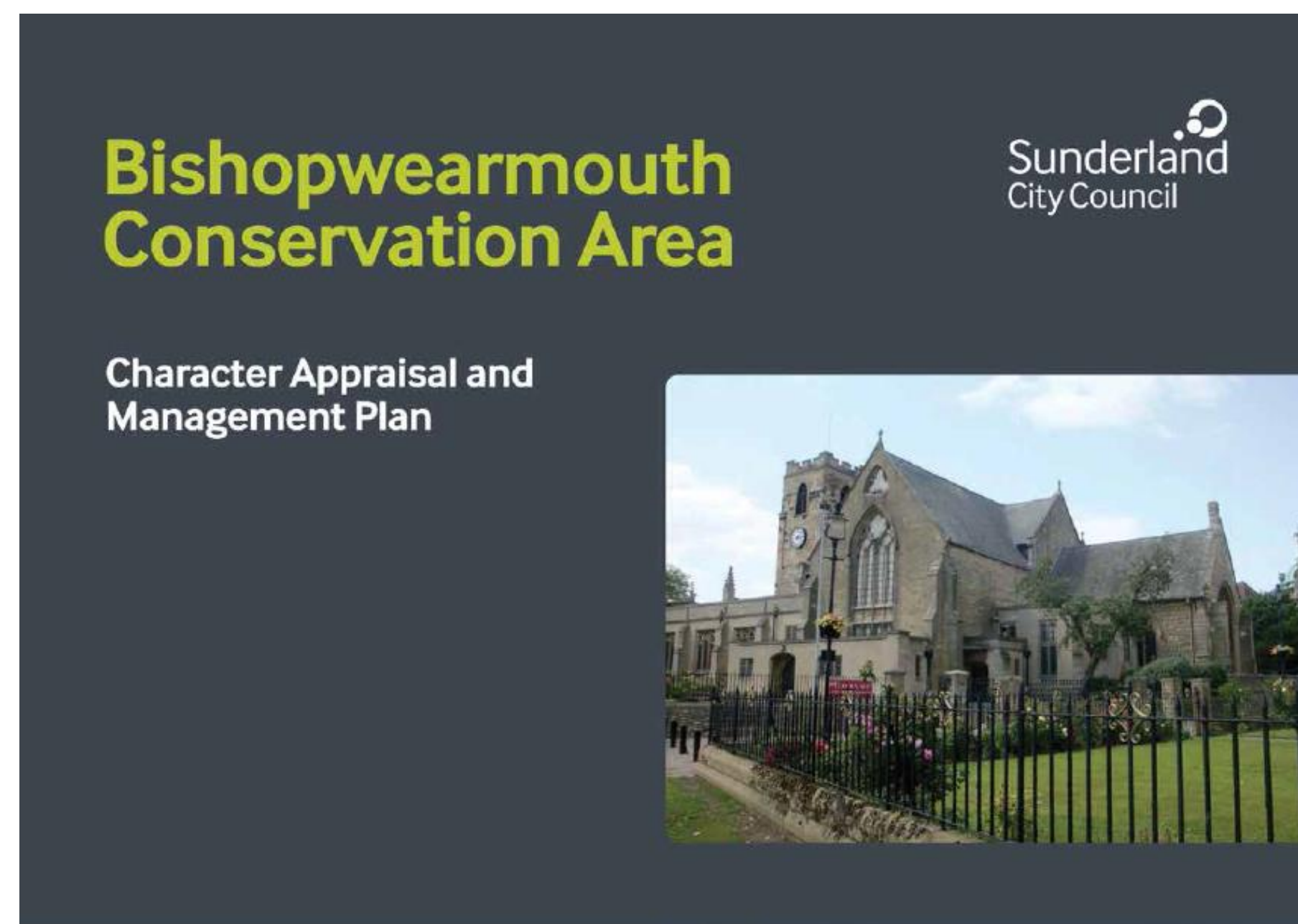
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The revised CAMP document has three parts:

Part 1: Character Appraisal analyses the special interest of the conservation area and identifies key issues, strengths and weaknesses

Part 2: Management Strategy sets out the overall management objectives and proposals to progress these objectives

Part 3: Management and Maintenance Plan is a compulsory requirement for our second round Townscape Heritage bid, and sets out the action plan for the management strategy, future monitoring and evaluation.



Conservation Area Management Plan Consultation



Our Townscape Heritage bid includes 22 potential building restoration and enhancement projects within the project area

Building owners and tenants would be eligible for grant assistance for repairs to roofs, chimneys, masonry, windows etc and improvement works such as new shopfronts and reinstatement of missing architectural details

Grant rates have been set at 84% for repairs and 78% for enhancement works, so that the fund can help as many properties as possible



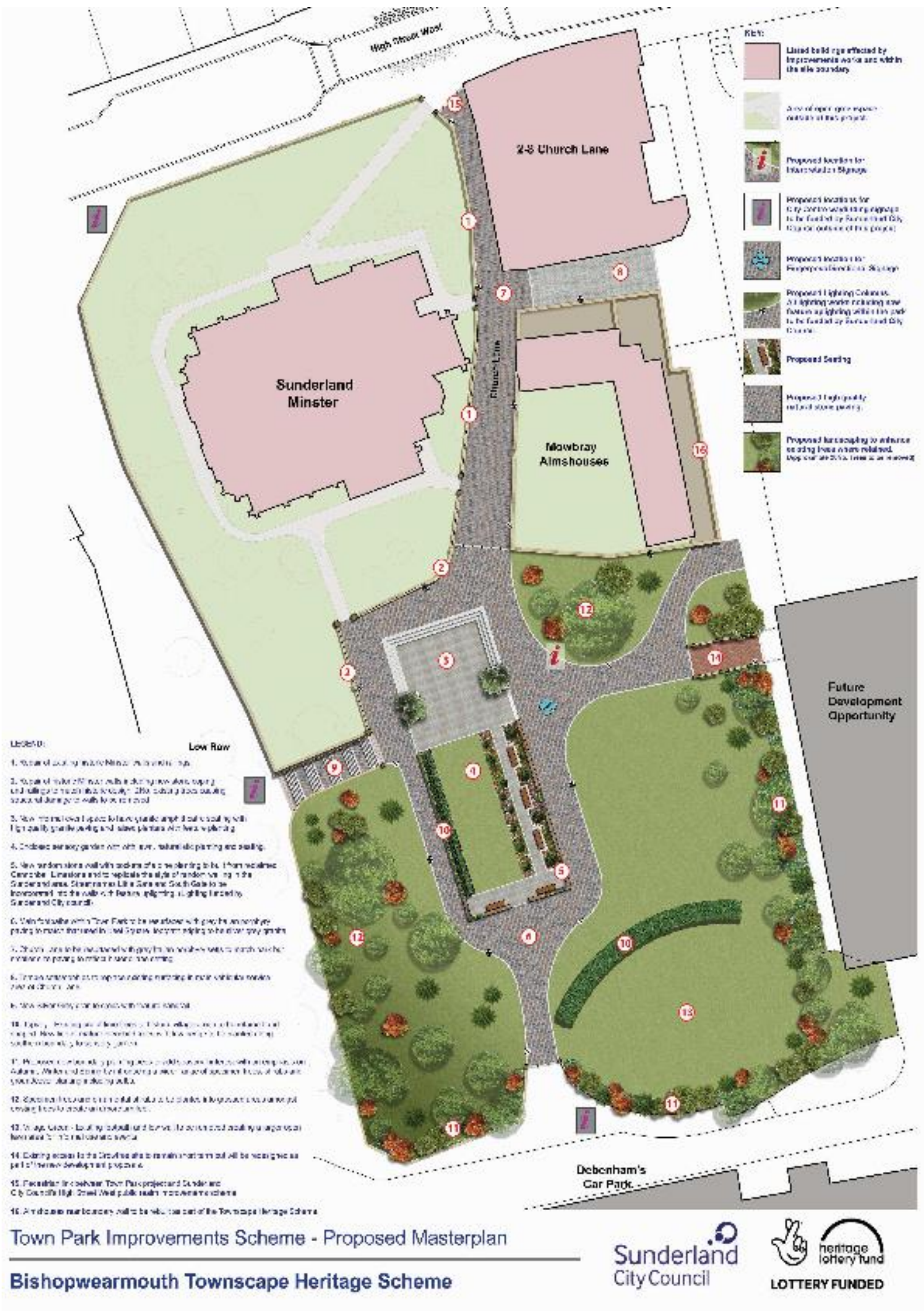
Building Restoration and Enhancement Projects



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Our bid also includes a major improvement scheme for Town Park, the green space next to Sunderland Minster

This would include new planting and paving and creation of a central space for performances and picnics, new lighting and interpretation panels explaining the history and importance of Bishopwearmouth.



Telling the story of Bishopwearmouth, raising awareness of its rich history and architectural importance is a key part of the Townscape Heritage Scheme

We have developed an activity plan to provide a range of family events, talks and tours and training opportunities in heritage craft skills over the five year programme

This is an important part of the legacy of Heritage Lottery funding, and will reinvigorate local interest in the heritage of Sunderland beyond the life of the Townscape Heritage scheme



Events, training and activities



A funding decision on our second round submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund is expected in June 2018

If we are successful, we hope to start operating the Townscape Heritage Scheme in September 2018, with the first events in September to coincide with the national Heritage Open Days programme

In the meantime we are taking the revised Conservation Area Management Plan to Cabinet for adoption as formal planning guidance on 20th June, and continuing to engage with local business owners and operators

Next steps



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