

# Chester-le-Street Town Centre Masterplan

Chester-le-Street District Council

## Brief

BE Group, along with Taylor Young and Aecom, was appointed by Chester-le-Street District Council to undertake a town centre masterplan for Chester-le-Street in County Durham.

The main purpose of the masterplan was to provide a comprehensive urban design framework and development strategy for the town centre, to guide the Council and other stakeholders, and to attract new investments into the town.

Objectives included:

- Identifying key sites with potential for development
- Suggesting a range of practical initiatives and proposals
- Providing a clear and deliverable phased implementation plan for the work.



## Activities

- Review of national, regional and local policy documents and strategies
- Baseline assessment of the area including:
  - Housing, retail and property markets
  - Demographic and key social and economic indicators
  - Services and facilities.
- Consultation with key stakeholders including:
  - LSP partners
  - The Council
  - Public agencies
  - Local businesses and retailers
  - The voluntary sector.
- Assessment of the feasibility of linking the town centre to the riverside, taking into account:
  - Linkages between the two locations
  - Funding sources
  - Development options.

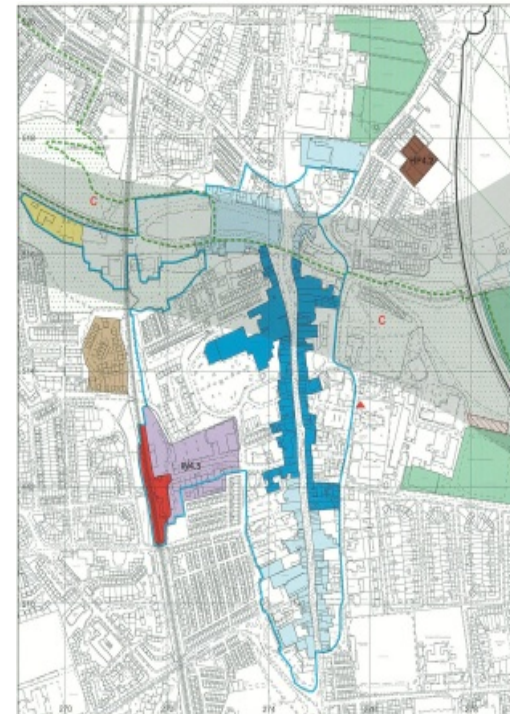


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## Outcome

Four specific projects were highlighted:

- Development of office/leisure space at Chester Burn East
- Development of retail/office space and a hotel on Front Street
- Redevelopment of the leisure and youth centre at Burns Green
- New offices on Station Road.



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