

CAMDEN TOWN CENTRE

URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

An update about the **Camden Town Centre Urban Design Framework**

Engagement Update

To be finalised with details on next community engagement.

Built Form | Principle

Protect and enhance the unique character of Camden's heritage, it's human scale and network of urban fabric ensuring all built form contributes to Camden's identity as a rural town.





Built Form Strategy - Enhancing the fine grain

- Ensure heritage items are retained and maintained as historical features within the town centre;
- Future development should encourage small, narrow and compact shop fronts reinforcing a fine grain character. Minimising big bulk development will ensure a consistent active street frontage;
- Encourage relief in frontages through varied setbacks strengthening the fine grain attention along the building frontages and façades;
- Minimise building focus on the front of properties by encouraging dual aspect built form that fronts onto lanes;
- Investigate how to best utilise the planning controls throughout the town centre to preserve and enhance the heritage of Camden. Through a review of planning controls such as LEP Floor Space Ratio requirements and DCP requirements, it will ensure fine grain development is viable.



Built Form | What people said

- Preserve, enhance and celebrate the unique and rich heritage and built form of the Town Centre;
- Any future refurbishment of historical buildings and public domain improvements should be undertaken sympathetically within the historical framework of Camden;
- Preserving height restrictions;
- Recognising current heritage fabric is crucial;
- Ability to incorporate old buildings into new developments without ignoring heritage aspects;
- Maintain unique ambience of Camden.



Best Practice Examples



Stay Updated

If you would like to view background information and current progress of the Framework, you can find frequently asked questions, as well as background documents such as previous masterplans, strategies, consultant briefs, heritage analysis, issues reports and management plans [here](#).