

Spatial Strategies

City Wide Spatial Strategies

The city-wide spatial strategies set out which areas of the city should be the focus for growth and change and how these areas should be integrated with the city and the region.

The Primacy of the City Centre



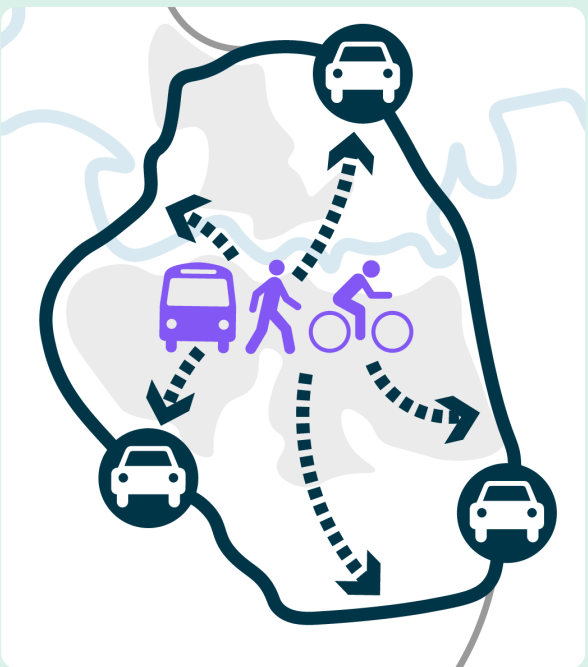
Promote the centre as the primary location for comparison retail, community, university, culture, leisure and office uses, and resist a drift of these uses away from the centre. Complement these uses with residential development and other mixed-uses within the city centre.

Rivers & Parks



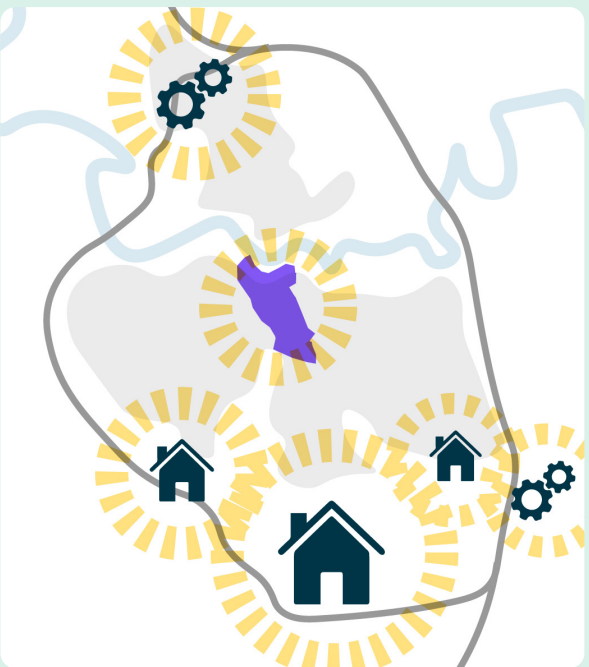
Capitalise on the green and blue infrastructure that runs through the heart of the city, integrating it with the city's fabric and connecting the city with the countryside. Promote recreation, accessible nature and climate resilience.

Rethinking Movement



Maximise the benefits of investment in strategic CNDR and CSLR roads, which effectively create a ring road around the city, to improve regional connectivity and reduce city centre through traffic. Provide a network for sustainable travel modes across the wider city and city centre.

Growing the City



Promote sustainable residential and employment development at strategic locations in the city to support future needs. Expand the range of provision to attract new residents and employers, connected with the wider city and city centre.

City Centre Spatial Strategies

The city centre spatial strategies focus in more detail on where development, regeneration and investment should take place in the heart of the city.

Diversifying the Core



Diversify the range of activities in and around the core as the vibrant heart of the city so that it includes vibrant and sustainable mix of retail, community, culture, leisure, office and residential uses. Ensure that the public realm and the environment provides a high quality, welcoming experience for users.

Regenerating the Edges



Redevelop vacant and underutilised land on the fringes of retail core, with uses which complement the centre. The masterplan will aim to reintegrate the urban fabric of the city centre with the surrounding suburbs, and support sustainable living.

Revealing the Assets



Reveal the value of key heritage and natural assets as landmarks and destinations in the city. Improve links between assets and the city centre including physical and visual barriers, and emphasise their role in the city centre’s character both individually and collectively.

Restitching the Centre



Build upon LCWIP proposals to improve pedestrian and cycle movement routes to and through the centre, reducing severance. A key focus will be to reconnect the centre with the Castle, Bitts Park, the Sands Centre and Carlisle College.