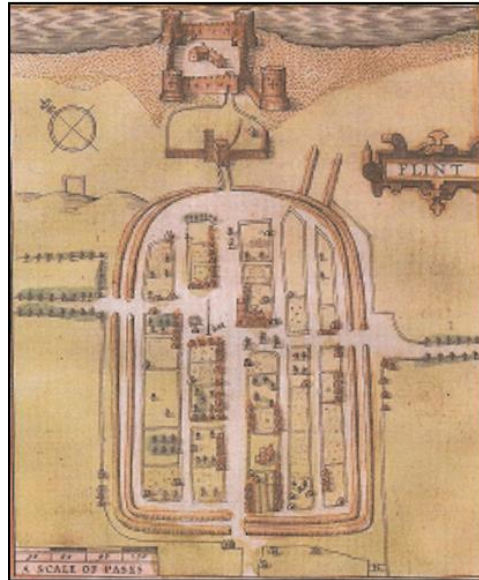




CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS



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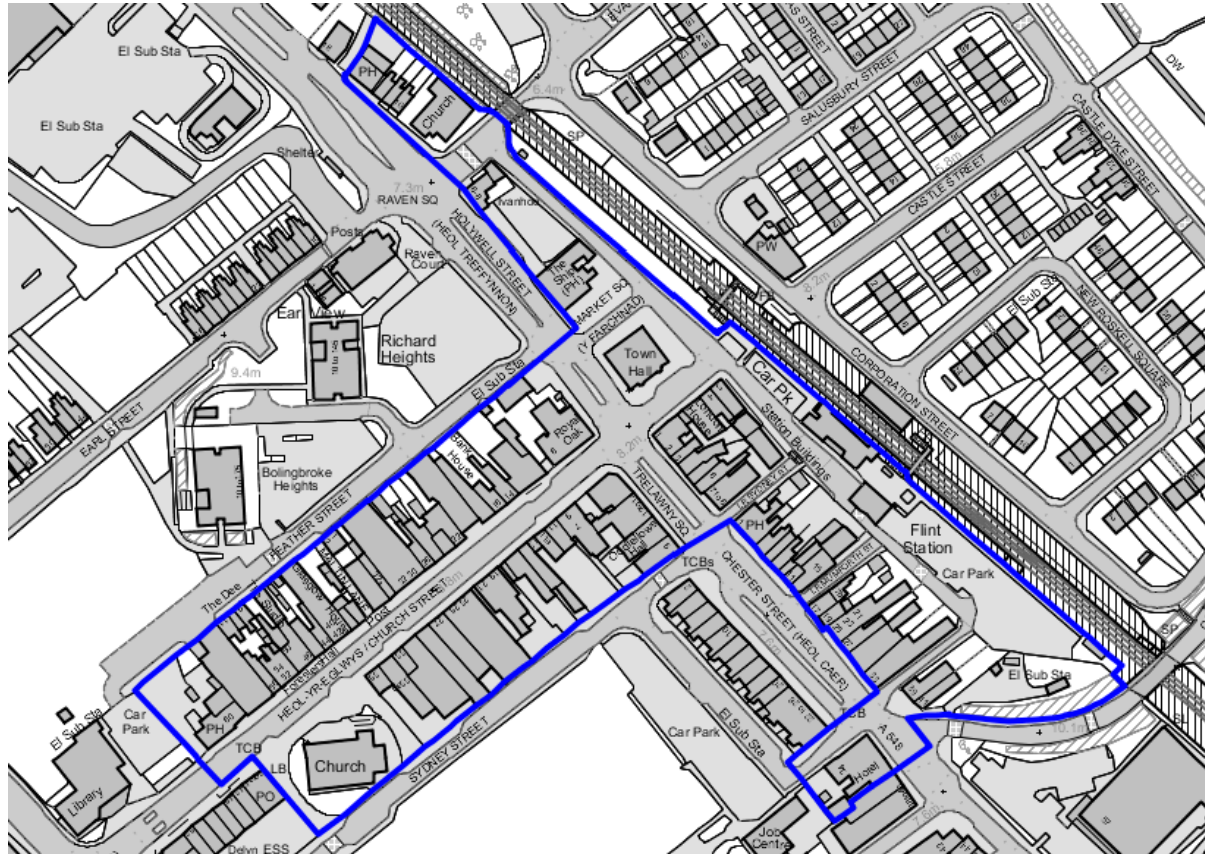
FLINT CONSERVATION AREA



- ❑ Flint Conservation Area first designated in June 1988
- ❑ Boundary corresponds with remaining 'grid iron' street pattern dating from Edward I time
- ❑ Area covers the main historic retail and commercial core of the town centre
- ❑ Principally 19th and 20th Century buildings
- ❑ Small number of 16th, 17th & 18th Century buildings
- ❑ Includes five Listed Buildings



CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY





PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- ❑ Lack of appreciation of heritage value
- ❑ High levels of inappropriate alterations. Widespread problems in relation to shop-frontages and signage
- ❑ Lack of maintenance of properties
- ❑ Vacant floorspace – particularly upper floors which is long standing





SOLUTIONS

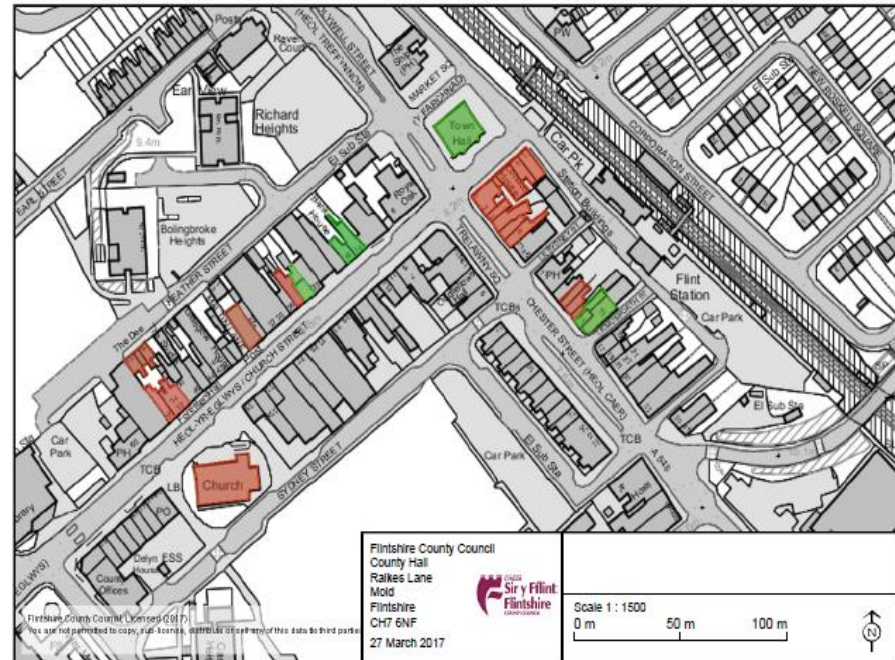
- ❑ Promote an understanding of the special qualities of the Conservation Area
- ❑ Through example and encouragement promote good conservation practices for older buildings
- ❑ Encourage sympathetic changes to more recent buildings
- ❑ Regular monitoring of the Conservation Area
- ❑ Notify building owners of unauthorised changes and take the necessary enforcement action
- ❑ Investigate available grant assistance

TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE

- ❑ Flint Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) bid was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in 2008 for £920,000 by Flintshire County Council
- ❑ Bid approved and supplemented with £655,000 of partnership funding provided by **Flintshire County Council, Flint Town Council and Cadw**
- ❑ Scheme provides grant assistance for:
 - ❑ architectural reinstatement
 - ❑ historic repairs
 - ❑ reuse of vacant floorspace
- ❑ Particular emphasis on:
 - ❑ Market Square / Trelawny Square
 - ❑ Chester Street
 - ❑ Church Street
- ❑ Requirement to tackle groups of buildings to comprehensively restore the historic streetscape



- ❑ Eighteen individual buildings have been completed to date with a further three currently on site. Additional projects planned before the end of the scheme, including an ambitious project for the Town Hall.
- ❑ Flint THI has spent over £960,000 to date on targeted buildings.
- ❑ This has levered in an additional £1,153,556 of private sector funding resulting in a total investment of £2,113,556 into the town centre.





Fourteen new bespoke shop-fronts have been installed, with designs based on early photographic evidence



Six of these shop units were previously empty but as a result of the THI scheme they are now all occupied





Indirectly thirteen new apartments have been created from the previously vacant upper floors





Old Court House – long standing vacant historic building restored and repaired, and now in use as a café. Great reviews on trip advisor!

