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## Existing Public Realm Context

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## Summary and Guide to Part 2...

This section provides background information on the existing public realm, which has been used to develop the proposals contained within the PRDG. It is unlikely that designers and ‘specifiers’ of the public realm will need to refer to this part as a whole, however, Part 2 does provide a useful resource that should be ‘dipped into’ as a starting point for those preparing public realm designs, giving a flavour of what is distinctive and special about Chester.

### **Section 2.1 - Review of Previous Studies and Recent Initiatives.**

Contains a review of previous studies and recent initiatives of particular relevance to the PRDG.

### **Section 2.2 - Planning Context**

Provides a comprehensive planning context, identifying national, regional and local planning policy relevant to the future development of Chester’s public realm.

### **Section 2.3 - Brief History of Chester**

Provides a brief history of Chester from Roman times through to today and concludes by considering relevance to today’s townscape and public realm.

### **Section 2.4 - Access and Movement**

Reviews existing access and movement in the city centre and identifies the key points to be addressed in the PRDG.

### **Section 2.5 - Legibility**

Considers existing legibility in the city centre and identifies the key points to be addressed in the PRDG.

### **Section 2.6 - Urban Form and Land Use**

Provides a commentary on existing urban form and land use in the city centre and identifies the key points to be addressed in the PRDG.

### **Section 2.7 - Public Realm Condition, Quality and Character**

Assesses existing public realm condition, quality and character and lists the key points to be addressed in the PRDG.

### **Section 2.8 - Tree and Public Open Space**

Reviews trees and public open space in the city centre and summarises the key points to be addressed in the PRDG.