

Castlegate

Spatial principles

Existing conditions - current servicing requirements

This diagram highlights existing servicing requirements, access, refuse/ delivery points, and existing cycle access along Union and Justice Street.

Service vehicles and motorists accessing Brebner's Court can move through Castlegate currently via a one way system, with both entrance and exit on Castle Terrace. A lack of definition within the square means currently service vehicles park informally within the space.

Cycling provision is currently limited to advisory cycle lanes and thermoplastic markings on Union Street and Justice Street.

Legend

- One-way access for service vehicles within Castlegate and motorists accessing Berbner's Court.
- (2) Waste / recycling bins
- (3) service vehicle drop off / informal parking



Servicing route



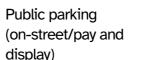
Cycle access



Vehicle access



Bin storage



Delivery points



Private parking (residential/business)



↑ existing servicing requirements for ground floor units on Castlegate



Emerging spatial principles

"An iconic space steeped in history, re-imagined for the here and now, and set up for a prosperous future"

The spatial principles for Castlegrate create the foundations for a flexible civic space in the heart of Aberdeen city centre.

The proposed spatial arrangement is inherently flexible, and designed with future proofing in mind. By designing to current requirements and considering how the space may work day-to-day and throughout the year allows for the development of a spatial hierarchy that is considered and simple.

6m



The Promenade - spaces for people, spill out and connectivity

5.5m





Castle Street - an embedded route for vehicular access

5.5m









Castle Street - a shared space for cyclists & vehicles

21m



Castlegate Square - a space for events, nature, play and people



↑ Spatial principles of Castlegate

Spatial principles - typical section

The Promenade

The Promenade provides a space for pause, meandering and rest, as well as designated spill-out spaces for businesses within the Castlegate to occupy. Seating and planting may be incorporated at key locations in order to further enhance the setting within the Castlegate.

Castle Street

Castle Street will retain its function as a service route and will be carefully blended into the surrounding public realm proposals. Service vehicles, cyclists and motorists will utilise this dedicated zone to move around the space, bringing clarity to the spatial hierarchy.

Castlegate Square

The inner square within Castlegate will be designed to be highly flexible and adaptive. The setting of the Mercat Cross will be enhanced and the space further enriched

with the inclusion of lighting, art, seating and appropriate 2.75m 2.75m 2.75m 2.75m greening. 3m (frontage) 3m (spill out) Section B-BB' The Promenade - 6m Castle Street - 5.5m Castlegate Square - 21m Castle Street - 5.5m

