

**Comments and
recommendations
on the proposals for building of
~~Anglia Square~~
The Squares Over the Water,
Norwich.
From**

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Proposals to the redevelopers of Anglia Square.

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SECTION 1. = New names in the development Over the Water.

All of the shopping centre developments in Norwich have maintained the historic names of the area where they have been built.

Chapelfield = The Field with the Chapel dating from 1343ad.

Castle Mall = In the shadow of the Castle, just off Castle Meadow (formerly known as the Castle ditches).

Riverside = Mixed use development. Mainly home to Norwich's nightlife like nightclubs, restaurants, and Cinema's

St. Georges Square to be renamed The Square Over the Water

= This we feel would be a good name, both locally and nationally. It is the kind of name that sticks in the mind (for example, take Lakeside near the M25 east of London). The name Over the Water goes back at least as far as the 14th century and probably further. It has remained at the name of this part of Norwich, until the present day. We feel that this name would add a degree of mystery and unconventionality to the development.

Calvert Square = The council came up with this idea because there's a road near by called Calvert Street. The name Calvert has no other connection with the area or Norwich.

St. George's Square = The council came up with this idea because there's a road near by called St. George's Street. The name St. George's has no other connection with the area or Norwich. Our while he is of course our patron Saint, and has two churches in other parts of Norwich named after him, and that is all.

Anglia Square = Keeping the name Anglia Square would be very detrimental to the development. For 60 years the area has put up with Anglia Square and the problems it first caused. A new development should have new names and this is why we have proposed, new and more interesting names land previously or currently suggested. Despite his fame in creating the minute taking organisation for Parliament. He has very little to mention him in the form of roads, or other public areas to commemorate him.

Names of sub areas and walk ways and Loke's.

The term Loke Is a name for a path or tract unique to Norfolk. It would therefore be nice if some of the walkways would be given to their name the term loke, to celebrate this tradition.

Stump cross = The site was originally the location of a stone cross, which was known in the time of Henry VIII. It was then called Guylding Cross. It is referred to by the writer Kirkpatrick in the 1720's. Mr. Ralph H. Mottram writer and Lord Mayor wrote in 1939, " The road divides at Stump Cross where used to stand the remains of a broken cross which, if we are to believe Thomas Nashe, was at onetime either the headquarters or meeting place of the herring industry in Norwich.

It stood just north of the flyover which was then at the junction of Magdalen Street and Botolph Street. It probably went back to the old church of St. Olaf and therefor possibly to the 10th century.

We would ask that the area can be renamed from **Sovereign Way to Stump Cross Loke**

George Brodie = Is a hero of the area rescuing several people from the floods of 1912 before losing his life. Norwich has not honoured his memory in any way. The Northern section of what is going to be called **St. George's Street should be renamed George Brodie Street.**

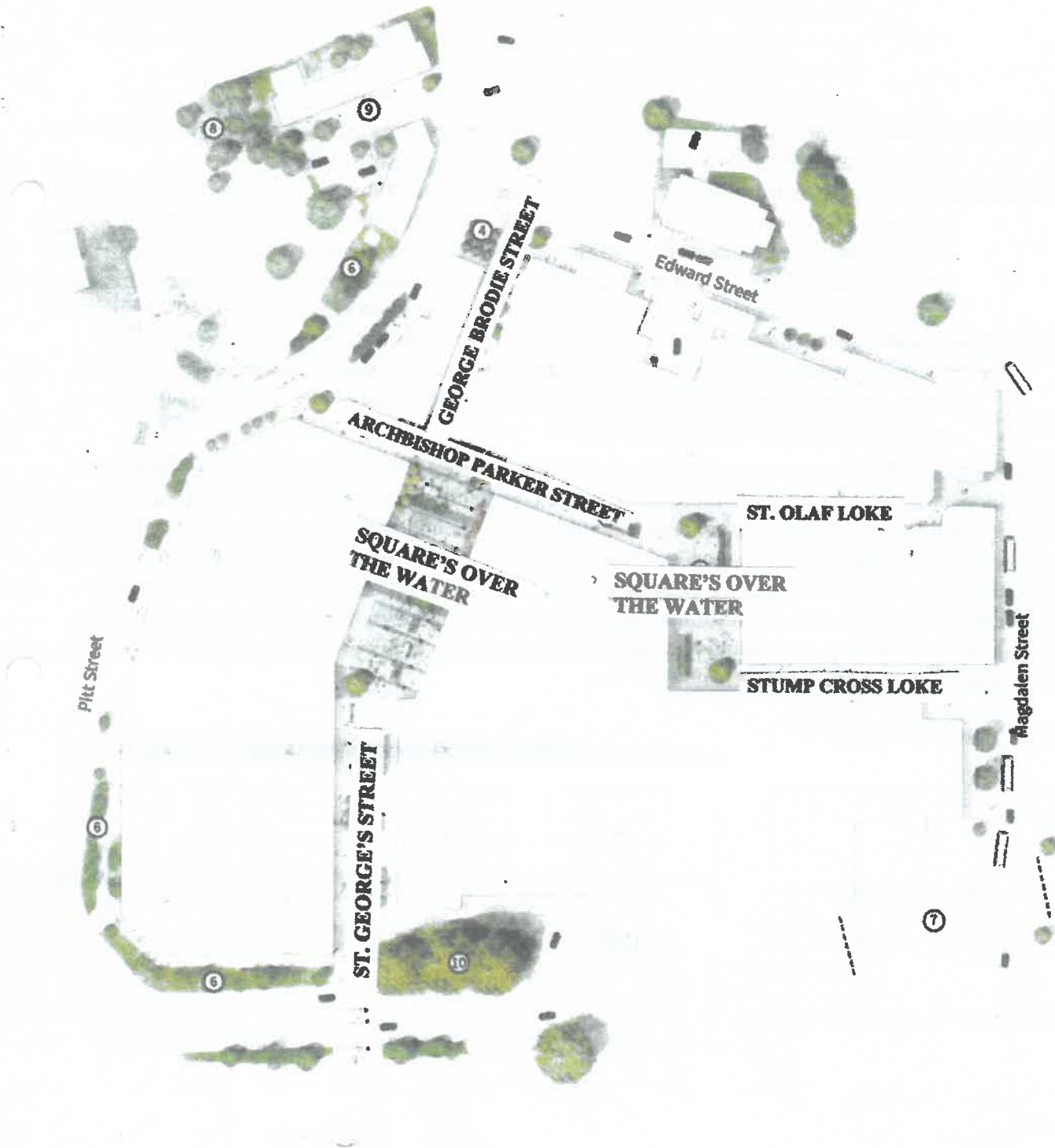
Harriet Martineau = Has streets named aft was a realer her though not in this area.

Elizabeth Fry = Has streets named after her though not in this area.

Archbishop Matthew Parker = there is one very small road in the Golden Triangle bearing the name Parker. We would recommend the renaming of the eastern section of St. Botolph Street to **Archbishop Parker Street**.

St. Olaf = Not mentioned in the street names or any public area. We would recommend the renaming of **Annes Walk** to **St. Olaf's Loke**.

St. Botolph = Has done far better than St. Olaf as we have many streets named after him in the area.



SECTION 2. = Security, Bus Station, and street lighting under the flyover.

Anglia Square for it unfairly has had a reputation for being an area that is unsafe and violent. It has been partly through the architecture that currently leads you into the Square.

~~Sovereign Way~~ **Stump Cross Loke** is wide and well used by many people, it has shops that face onto it giving it that feeling that when walking the along it you are not alone.

~~Annes Walk~~ **St. Olaf's Loke** however is by design is the complete opposite. The entrant is very overbearing and claustrophobically, you have one shop which is very rarely in use, and an Indian restaurants which has been closed down for many years. It is not until you actually get into the main part of the square that you actually see shops that are in use. The public toilets are down a narrow alley which is the back part for the supply of the businesses in the area. It is most unattractive not something that the general public have a liking for.

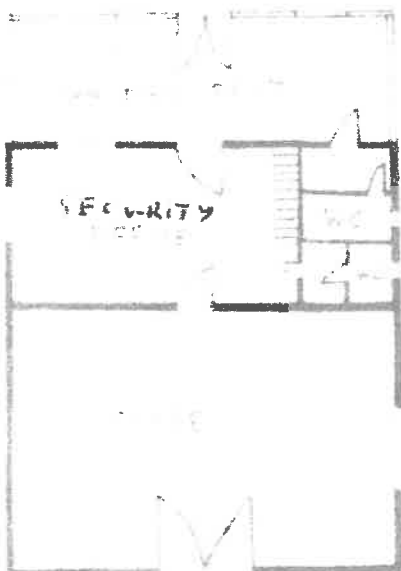
The exit to the west. Has all ways had problems renting the shops, although the foot traffic is quite high with those coming from the car parks and St. Augustine's area.

The flyover has been the major problem that Anglia Square has faced since its creation in the 1960s. It has always been used along with St. Chispins Way as an excuse for the Council on city maps to call it the northern end of the city rather than the city wall's which are further north. This gives a feeling of Anglia Square being isolated from the main parts of the city. Many people will not pass on the flyover at night because I feel intimidated.

Street lighting under the flyover. We have asked the city council to put up some extra street lighting in January 2017, however they used the excuse of the renovation of the square as a reason not to do anything. They also stated that they hoped the developers of the square would pay for it instead of them.

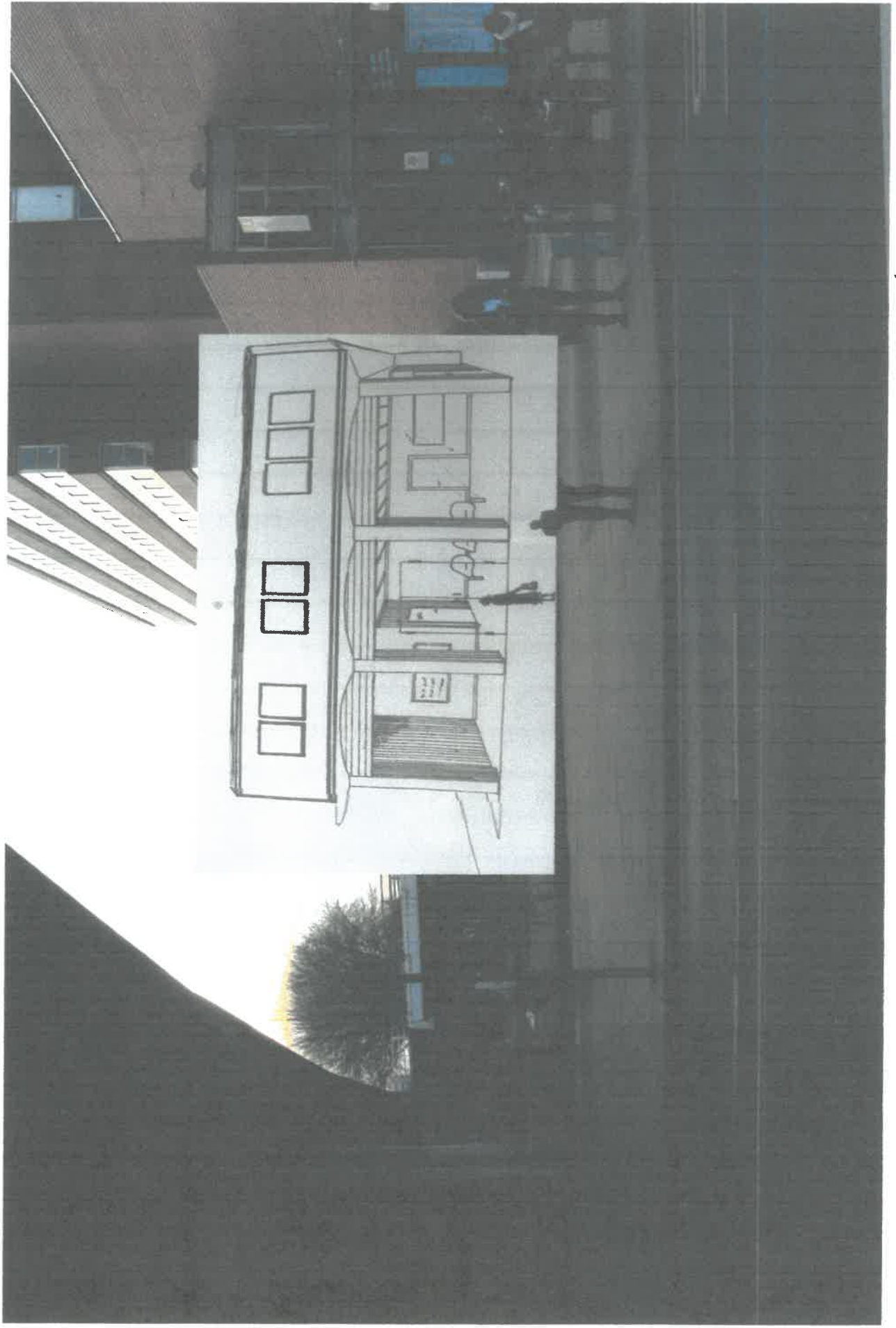
Security Office is for this reason. we have proposed that security office be placed, next to the north western side of the flyover where there is room, your current Security personnel are locked on way in an office which unless you know the area thoroughly is impossible to get to and is up two flights of stairs, which we regard as unacceptable. Let's make an asset of your security personnel by having them in an office which can clearly be seen by the general public, and near the flyover which many people find intimidating. We are not seeing them as 'policemen' who would protect the square and Magdalen Street, but by their very location would have a calming effect on the criminals and others who give the area at the wrong reputation.

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LOCATION FOR SECURITY OFFICE



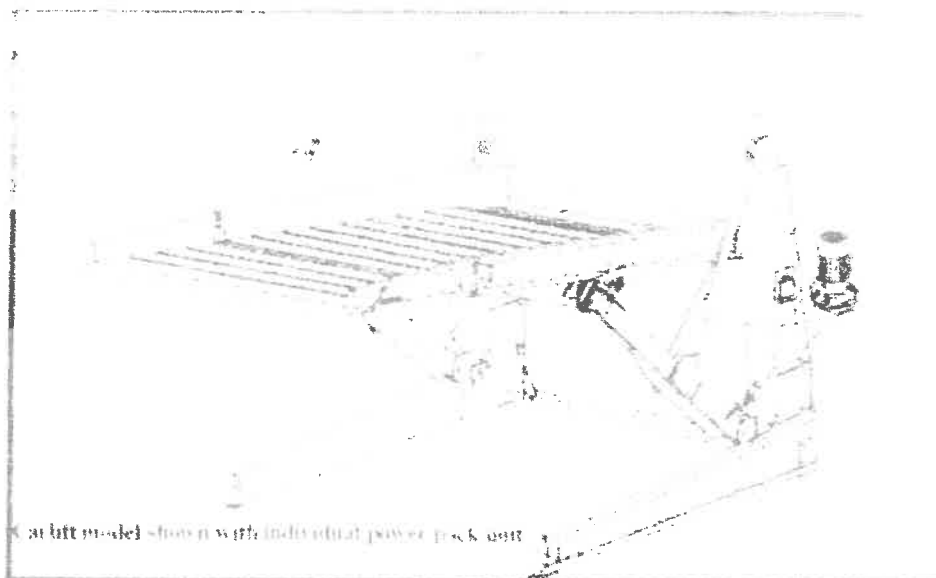
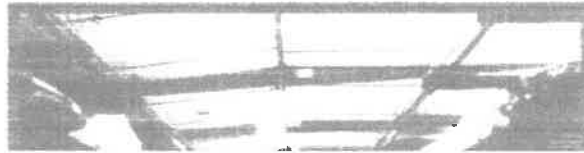
SECTION 3 = Car parking.

Car parking could be the make or break of the redevelopment. The existing car parks will be swept away leaving a very grave shortage of parking in the area. Indeed the only car parking that can be found after the council's redevelopment is at the far end of Duke Street, over three quarters of a mile away. As you will be selling houses to the 25 to 40 year age range of people they are likely to be mostly two car's per family. A total of 2025 parking spaces. The parking spaces for the general public that we are in losing is in excess of 1300 for a viable more development servicing shop's, restaurants, and other enterprises that are going to require their customers to be able to arrive by car is going to need to service this need.

Since the multi-storey car park has been closed traders have felt a marked reduction in their sales. Many people would park in the multi-storey go after work and then come back in the late afternoon purchased from the traders before leaving for home. .

For an area looking to develop an evening trade as well and daytime any lack of parking could present a serious problem.

Compact parking = computerised car stacking system. It is this reason along with the shortage of space for the development that we have proposed a computerised car stacking system to replace standard car parks. And we have also put forward the case for an underground car park of perhaps two levels. The council argue that there is some geological problem and that makes this impossible. As we all show in a later section pop we have found no evidence for this, and believe this to be merely. and attempts to reduce the car parking in the redevelopment to a level where it is impractical. Such computerised system would mean that you could offer **higher security** and eliminate the chance of damage by one car hitting a parked car. This would help raise the profile of the area. **We urge the developers to fight for car parking.**

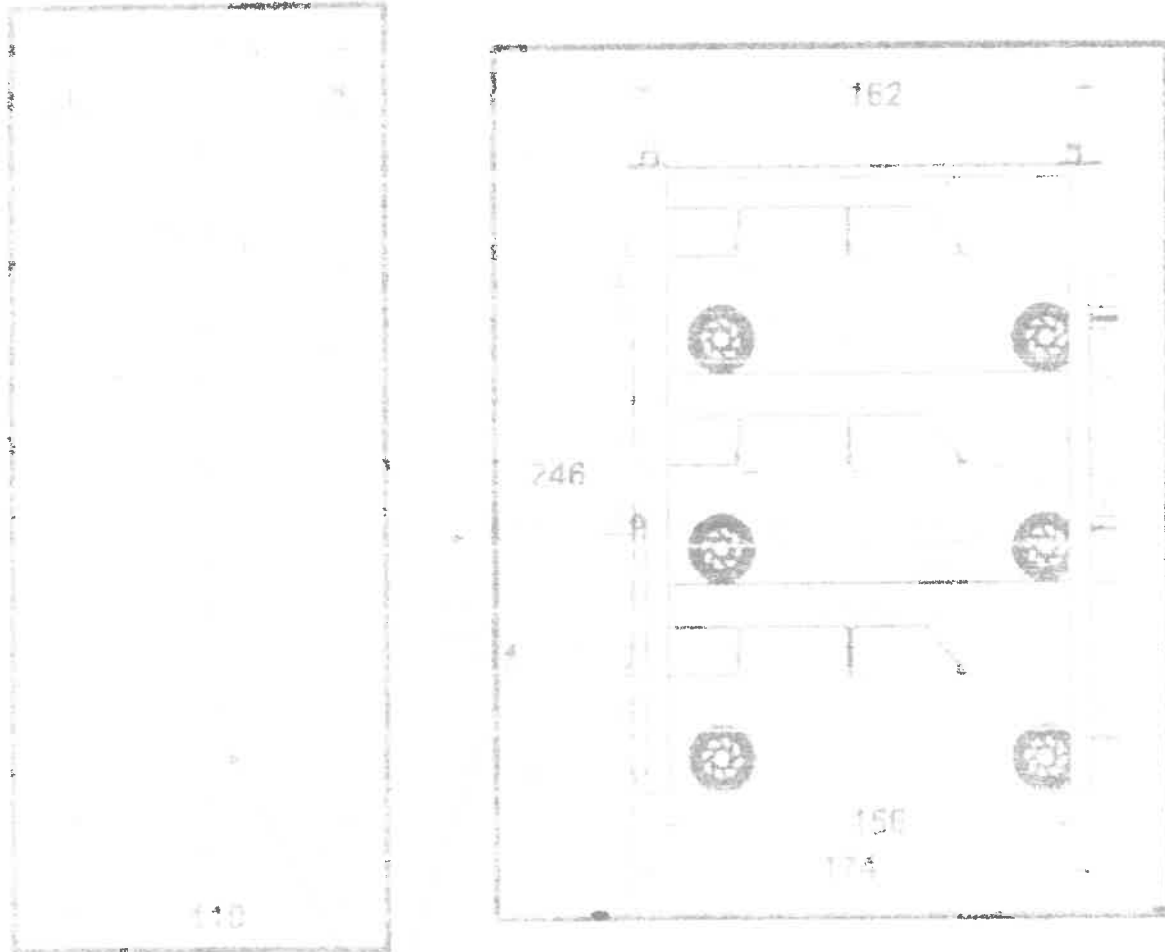


an lift model shown with individual power pack unit

Three-High Parking Lift System

Dimensions

(3-foot Product)



Heights of overall machine and individual stall heights may be customized by application

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SECTION 4 = Archaeology.

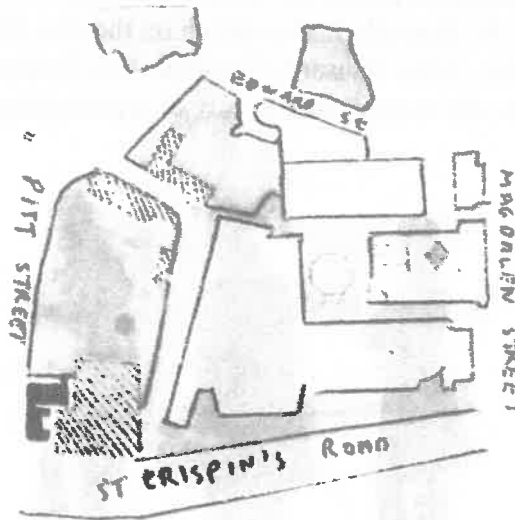
Archaeology = This area of Norwich goes back over 2000 years and was the site of the Anglo-Saxon defensive town mentioned as having been attacked by king Swain in 2004ad. As you can see the from the map archaeologists have discovered the Western side of the defences, but the Northern defences which probably run under Anglia Square have not yet been found, as have the Eastern defences though these run, probably well to the east of Anglia Square.

We have been looking into the possibility of a privately funded archaeological dig for two weeks as head of any developments. If we can manage to do this we hope that the developers, will be willing and able to find time for us to do this. We would of course be keeping in touch and trying to work with the Norfolk archaeological unit and keeping them informed of our findings. The project would be run by a doctor of archaeology.

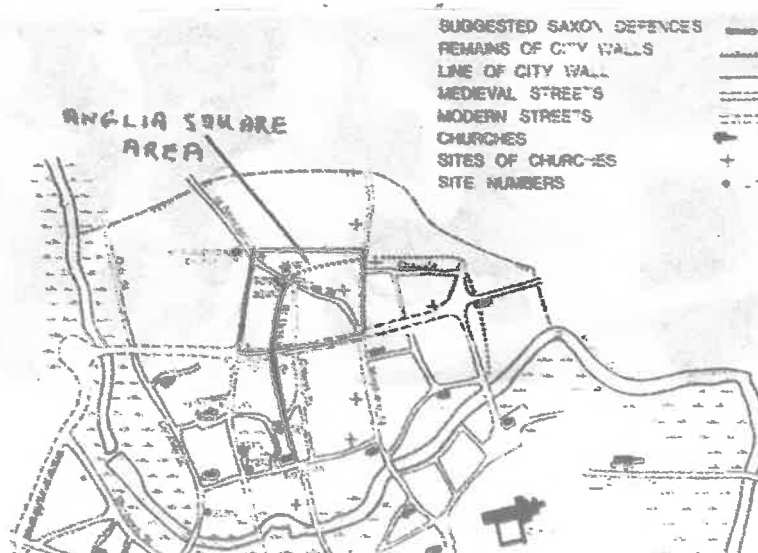
Archaeology

In yellow:- Area and switch could potentially be parts of the Anglia Square project that could be of interest to archaeologists.

Areas shown with cross hatching :- those areas that have already been excavated by archaeologists.



Archaeological map of the whole of the Norwich Over the Water area, with the Anglia Square redevelopment marked out in the centre.



SECTION 5. = Culture of the area.

While we have experimented with the idea for a mid range in size opera house, we think that is probably far too optimistic.

Art Gallery. However when we were pushing for an underground computer-controlled car park it did leave us with the possibility of part of the excavations, being used as an art gallery. If a section of the site had a two floor underground art gallery, this could greatly increase the culture of the area and access many of the art works held by the council. In the world of art, the Norwich School of artists is quite famous. The Castle Museum which also has galleries for exhibiting art can only show 510 pictures at any one time. They however have a collection of 25,510, this means that 25,000 are in store at any one time. Art galleries for exhibition do not require access to daylight, this would mean that if two levels of the underground car park were dug at the same time, they could be used to exhibit existing artworks probably from the Castle Museum, or exhibitions offer new artists who are coming.

Gildengate House is currently being used by assorted artists. I see looking at your proposal of element as it stands the Gildengate House which at one time was to be kept, now looks as though it is going to be demolished and replaced. At recent public meetings the desire for artists to continue to play a part in your new development was often raised.

Sculpture. We have hoped that is part of the project we could have a sculpture showing the notable people from our area. St. Botolph, had a church on the site, St. Olaf who had a church near by. Archbishop Matthew Parker, Luke Hansard, Elizabeth Fry, Harriet Martineau, George Brodie. A carved relief in stone would be the most desirable way of representing them.



SECTION 6. Miscellaneous items.

SIGNATURE BUILDING ?. THE TOWER BLOCK.

There was talk, but nothing that was specified that there would be a signature building in the redevelopment. Perhaps it is the tower block now being proposed. There is a lot of local opposition to such a tall structure. The Norwich Society, have been particularly vocal in their opposition to the tower also Norwich Airport.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The existing public toilets are down a narrow alley which is the back part for the supply of the businesses in the area. It is most unattractive and not something that the general public have a liking for.

Adequate public toilets would be necessary if the development. There used to be public toilets on St. Saviour's car park, that these have been closed by the council and will be demolished when the car park is redeveloped. Perhaps when you come to the section of the development where the existing toilets are to be demolished, perhaps you could prevail on the council to open the toilets on the St. Saviour's site.

THE PAGODA

In the late 1980s the then owners of Anglia Square came up with the idea of putting a pagoda, in the centre of the square which provided an extra covered area for people to use when the weather was bad. This proved very successful and has become a very popular with the general public.

It has been a home of

Electronic coin-operated ride on toys,

People performing plays to promote the area.

Entertainment's including a Morris dancers and local band and guitar player.

Animal charities fund raising days.

Carol singers on the Saturday before Christmas from the Surrey Chapel.

On the commercial side it has been used in recent years by the greengrocer, who has now moved on to occupy one of your units. Also by a firm selling used cars who again after a few months took over the old supermarket space facing the square.

Losing this all weather area would be a significant loss to those of us trying to encourage and promote the area. It would also be a loss of revenue for yourselves by not being able to rent it out.

Could the current pagoda not be maintained and the dimensions of the square change to match the sides so as to make an even more user friendly area for inclement weather. This would be enhancing, a current asset and the developers would be saving money.

Inside the pagoda, it would be necessary to maintain an electrical supply as it currently has, but the addition of a **bus arrival and departure electronic board**, which could be placed high up, centrally, so that people could see how long it would be before the next bus arrives.

STIRLING PRIZE. The Stirling Prize now in its 21st year, attracts a great deal of national publicity. As well as national publicity on the BBC, it would of course attract lots of local interest. This would be great for overcoming the prejudice that the old Square has built up over the years. the RIBA Stirling Prize is sponsored by Almacantar, and is the UK's most prestigious architecture prize. Even if part of the new Anglia Square was short listed this would be a major prestige victory.

THE PAGODA



The size of the square could be reduced so that the edges of the new build meet the edges of the pagoda