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Section A – Community & Cultural Profile

The project commenced with a community and cultural profile which examined the historical and socio-economic context of the study area. This was in order to gain an understanding of the area and its spatial planning context.

Section B - Survey

As part of the community and cultural programme the project team surveyed the area extensively. In-depth interviews were carried out with key community and local stakeholders based on the key topics in the project brief. Local business leaders were interviewed and a public spaces user survey was carried out.

Section C - Themes

In-depth surveys of the area were carried out based on the key topics identified in the project brief. A series of brainstorming workshops analysed the information gathered from stakeholders and the community at large in these surveys. From this research five key themes emerged to address the issues raised in a holistic and spatially connected manner; Information and Networking, Public Realm, Sports and Community, Economic Development and Cultural Development – Creating a Coalition.