1. Pedestrianised streets vary greatly in quality and materials, these can look tired, functional and lacking soft landscape.

2. The market is a busy and well used historic element of the Town Centre.

3. Modern, imposing train station building with recent public realm improvements to frontage.

4. The River Don is poorly set within the Town Centre, with limited access, lower quality footpaths and minimal overlooking.

5. Enclosed bridge in poor state of repair is an uninviting connection between Forge Island and the Town Centre.

6. Lack of unifying design to mismatched signage across town.

7. Well maintained, historic Clifton Park on edge of Town Centre.

8. Large villas on Doncaster Gate with mature trees.

9. Rotherham Minster is an impressive, historic listed building.

10. Dynamic weir brings life to the River Don, but under-used feature. Minster spire provides wayfinding.

11. Historic features are found along the Canal.

12. Quality Town Centre green space provided in Minster Gardens.

Photo Study
14. Rotherham Health Village adjacent to the proposal College site

15. Modern architecture in the Town Centre

16. High Street Townscape Heritage Initiative; High Street was awarded Great British High Street Winner 2015

17. Imperial Building - an underused gem for independent retailers

18. Rubbish dam creates unsightly views over River Don

19. A substation remains within the Main Street site

20. The new Riverside House Council offices provide an attractive waterfront, and nods to the former Guest and Chrimes building footprint

21. Canal-side walkway and tow-path is a little overgrown in areas.

22. The post office building located at the north of the Riverside site

23. The Guest and Chrimes building is vacant and is on the Buildings at Risk register

24. Surface car parks make up a significant portion of the Riverside site

25. The New York Stadium is a key employer as well as a landmark on the edge of the Town Centre
Heritage & Character

Historical maps of the Town Centre show how Rotherham has changed over time. The historic alignment of the River Don continues to form the spine of the town, however the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Canal has been realigned south of what is now the former Magistrates Court building.

Historically, a mill was located on the River Don, on the east bank adjacent to the weir. There is an opportunity for this historical use of the river as a source of energy to be explored once again as a contemporary energy source.

The riverside in this area has historically been accessible from the Town Centre, following its realignment to the south of Bridge Street. The connection between Forge Island and the Minster is of particular importance following the development of the Minster gardens.

Rotherham Minster, formerly All Saints Church, has historically formed the centrepiece of the Town Centre. It continues to be the town’s key landmark used for wayfinding.

There are 18 Grade II, one Grade II* and one Grade I listed buildings within the Town Centre boundary. The Rotherham Town Centre Conservation Area includes a large part of the Town Centre, including the Minster and surrounding gardens.