

## A narrow street once the home of the city's silversmiths.

Silver Street's name is derived from its occupation by silversmiths from as early as 1798 according to William Custance's map. The street's

line has changed little since the C16 when buildings bordered both sides of the street as far as the bridge.



South side view of Silver Street

**SIGNIFICANCE • HIGH**

### General Overview

Silver Street is a very pleasant street to walk along and is popular with tourists with coach parties often beginning their tours of Cambridge there. The street contains Queen's College and Darwin College buildings alongside university offices, small commercial outlets, a public house, and student accommodation.



Queen's College



View from Trumpington Street



View across the river



Wood setts



View to the University Centre

### Townscape Elements

- > From the Trumpington Street end, the buildings are predominantly on the back of footway with the exception of the Pitt Building and St Catharine's Master's Lodge.
- > Beyond the bridge to the west, Darwin College buildings are on footpath edge, whilst Queen's College buildings set well back.
- > Street narrows close to the bridge from west; character of street changes at east end, where it becomes enclosed and canyon-like.
- > St Botolph's Church provides a good end stop to the street at its junction with Trumpington Street.
- > Lime trees on Queen's Green define the space.
- > The meadow planting of Coe Fen contrasts with the Pollarded Ash tree outside the University Centre and the formal ornamental planting of the Garden House Hotel.

### Streetscape Enhancement

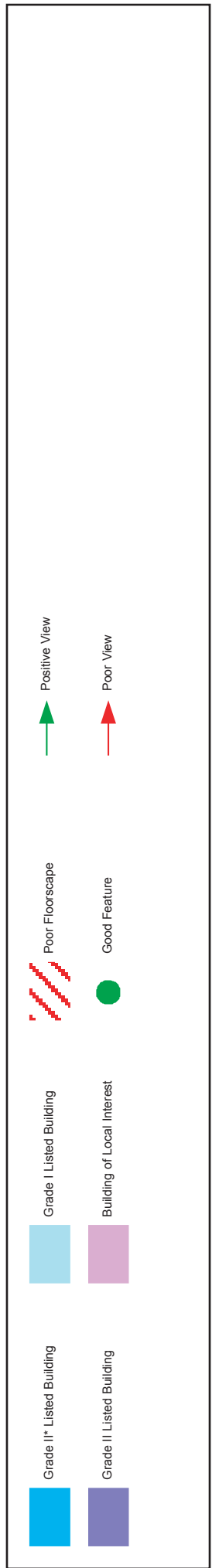
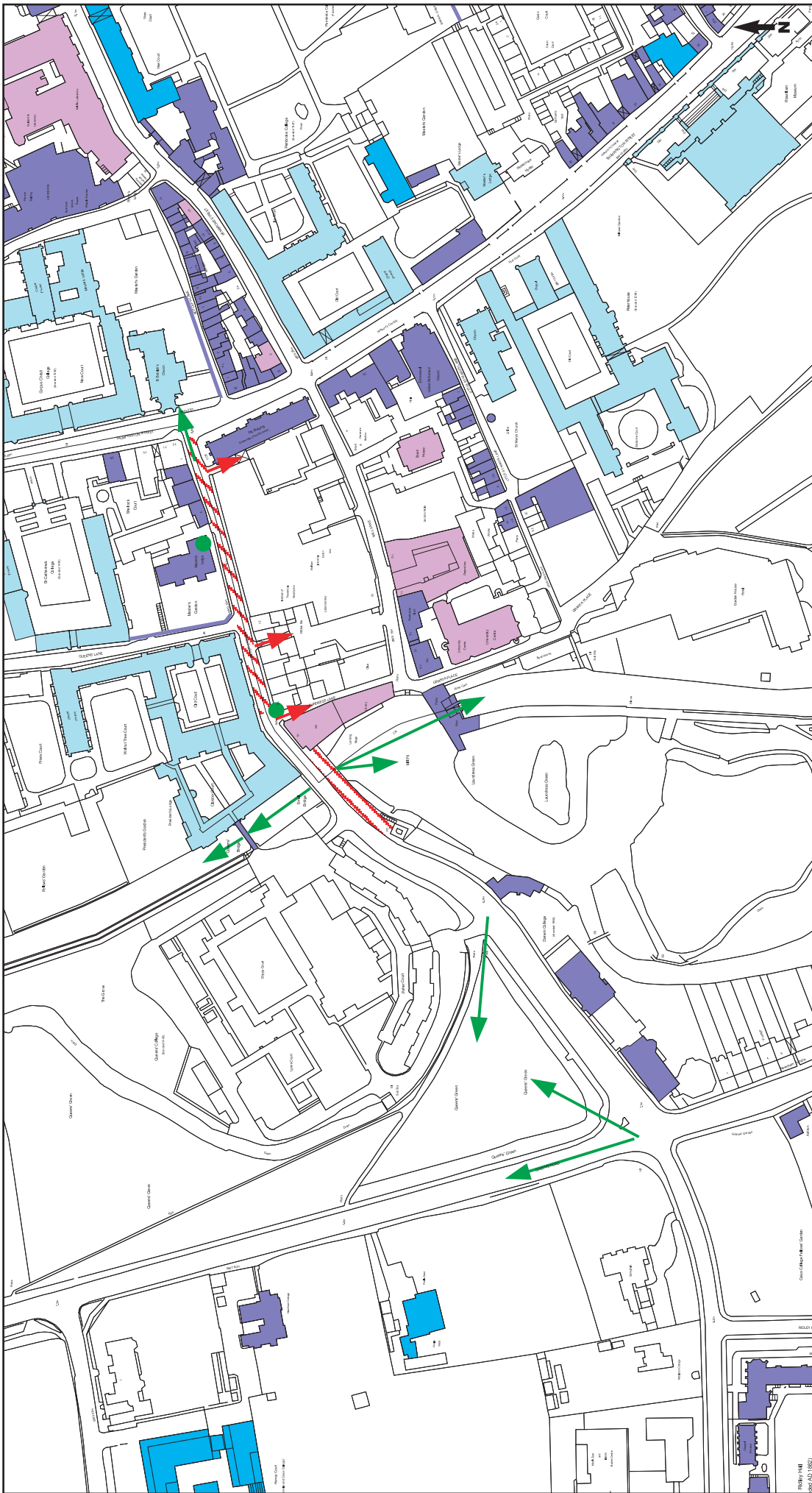
There are some unattractive side alleys (in particular adjacent to the laboratories) with ducting pipes and dustbins which could be improved.

The yellow road markings appear unduly prominent where the street narrows at the east end.

Nos 2-4 have had fans inserted in the glass above the doors - removing these would improve their appearance.

### Landscape Opportunities

A tree of some stature or some other landscaping with presence is needed at the bridge to form a stop - the existing group of sorbus auc is not successful.



## Archaeology / Historic Topography

Anticipated deposit depth is generally from 1.00m to 2.00m.

Potential for prehistory is low

Potential for Roman is low

Potential for medieval is low to moderate at the west end, high at the east end

Observations in the 1890s on the site of Mr. Fisher's house (on the south side of Silver Street opposite St. Catharine's College) recorded a "section of made-up ground" with pottery from the 13th and 14th century at the base.

Small Bridges, the medieval name for Silver Street, approached the town across several bridges spanning at least two arms of the river's then course. This was the route by which local grain was brought to the nearby mills.

Building No. / Name	Status	Age	Height (storeys)	Wall Materials	Roof Form / Materials	Architect	Notes
1	none	early C20	3 + attic	red brick & render	gabled / tile		
2-4	Listed Grade II	C19	3 + attics	gault brick	mansard / slate		
5	Listed Grade II	C18	3 + attic	plastered front	dormers / slate		
St Catharine's College: The Master's Lodge	Listed Grade II	1875-6	3	red brick with stone dressings	tile	W M Fawcett	
Queen's College: Old Court: South Range	Listed Grade I	1448-9	2 + attic	red brick	tile		
Queen's College: Pump Court	Listed Grade I	1736-60	3	white brick, ketton & portland stone dressings	balustraded parapet / slate	James Essex	
Queen's College: Fisher Building	none	1935-6	3 & 5	red brick	dormer / clay tile	N Drinkwater	
Queen's Green	Registered Grade II	C16 / C17	open area of grass - registered common land, public open space				
Darwin College: The Hermitage	Listed Grade II	early / mid C19	2/3	grey gault brick	hipped / slate		
Darwin College: Rayne Building	none	1966-70	3	grey brick	mansard		
Darwin College: Newnham Grange	Listed Grade II	early C19	2	gault brick	tile		
Darwin College: East Wing of Newnham Grange	Listed Grade II	1885	2	grey gault brick	slate		
Darwin College: The Old Granary	Listed Grade II	early C19; remodelled c1895	3	grey gault brick	tile		one of original granaries of Newnham Grange
Darwin College: Darwin Study Centre	none	1993-4	1-2	brick	slate	Jeremy Dixon & Edward Jones	
15 The Anchor Public House	BLI	C19 altered 1930s?	2	painted brick	slate		
16-21	none	late C19	2	red brick	dormers	Richard Reynold Rowes	
laboratories extension	none	1980s	3 + attics	red brick	mansard / dormers		
laboratories	none	C19 / C20	2-3	red brick with stone dressings	slate		
telephone kiosk outside Pitt Building	Listed Grade II	designed: 1935	N/A	cast-iron		Sir Giles Gilbert Scott	Type K6