



### Frontage

Our urban design proposal which form the basis of the consented outline town centre scheme places great importance on active frontage to streets and public spaces. As the significant civic / public building within the site area, the Library provides a important opportunity to improve the quality of the public realm and, in particular, animate the new Market Square.



### Street hierarchy

Our proposals for a rich streetscape is reinforced by the creation of a hierarchy of streets of varying scales and dimensions. Again the Library greatly impacts on the quality of these new streets, existing streets and the new Market Square.



### Pedestrian priority

To further enhance the quality of the public realm streets will be predominantly for use by pedestrians only building on the established pedestrianised areas already in the town centre.



### Visual permeability

The proposed new streets and a 'Retail Circuit' will facilitate and encourage movement throughout the town centre, opening up previously underemployed land for development. This physical permeability is reinforced through an approach to the design of the building plots so that there are also high levels of visual permeability across the site. The Library forms part of this new assembly of buildings and will be highly visible from the Market Square, Eldon Street and Cheapside - its design is intended to evoke the image of a beacon or lantern.