

Figure 5.2: Setbacks provide building design flexibility – Minimum Street Setbacks may be varied in accordance with Section 5.1.1.1(3) and the procedures for demonstrating compliance at Schedule 11.

5.1.1.2 Street Frontage Heights and Street Setbacks in Special Character Areas

Value Statement

Central Sydney contains a number of areas with special and distinctive character (Special Character Areas) that are important to the identity and character of Central Sydney. The boundaries of Special Character Areas are shown in Figure 2.1.

These areas include a number of distinctive qualities: a character unmatched elsewhere in Central Sydney; a concentration of heritage items and quality streetscapes, and; a focus of public life with high cultural significance. They often include a highly distinctive element in the public domain, are structured around a significant park or other Public Place, and are deliberately planned in such a way so as to enhance public view corridors.

Sydney LEP 2012 identifies a number of Special Character Areas that significantly contribute to the quality of the public domain and the distinctiveness of Central Sydney. Development in Special Character Areas can reinforce and enhance the existing character by responding to Special Character Area Street Frontage Heights and setbacks and the locality statements and principles for each Special Character Area in Section 2.

Objectives

- (a) To ensure appropriate height transitions between development, heritage items and buildings in Special Character Areas as required by Clause 4.3 of Sydney LEP 2012.
- (b) To enhance the distinctive attributes and qualities of the built form, streetscapes and Public Places of the Special Character Areas.
- (c) To ensure development is compatible with distinctive character and significance of each Special Character Area.
- (d) To enhance the heritage significance of heritage items and their settings.
- (e) To enhance existing public views and public vistas to heritage items and places of historic and aesthetic significance.
- (f) To ensure development has regard to the fabric and qualities of heritage items within Special Character Areas in respect of scale, form, modulation, articulation, proportion, street alignment, materials and finishes
- (g) To enhance the level of sunlight and daylight access to streets, lanes, parks and other public domain spaces.
- (h) To provide clear guidance about permitted heights and setbacks in Special Character Areas by way of detailed Special Character Area Maps.

Provisions

- (1) The Street Frontage Height and Street Setbacks of development in a Special Character Area must be in accordance with:
 - (a) Street Setbacks as shown in the Special Character Area maps at Figures 5.3 to 5.15;
 - (b) the minimum Street Frontage Height controls provided in Table 5.3; and
 - (c) the maximum Street Frontage Heights as shown in the Special Character Area maps at Figures 5.3 to 5.15.

Note: development adjacent to Heritage Items must also address the requirements of Section 5.1.3.1.
- (2) The minimum Street Frontage Height of development within a Special Character Area, or part thereof, not specified in Table 5.3 must comply with the permissible range of Street Frontage Heights set out in Table 5.1.

Table 5.3: Minimum Street Frontage Heights for Special Character Areas

Special Character Area	Map reference	Minimum Street Frontage Height
Bridge Street Macquarie Place Bulletin Place	A	15m
Chifley Square	B	35m

Special Character Area	Map reference	Minimum Street Frontage Height
Circular Quay	C	25m
College Street Hyde Park	D	The street frontage height of the nearest heritage item to, or within, the subject site within the same block and on the same side of the street, excluding the Great Synagogue at 187A Elizabeth Street which cannot be used as a minimum.
Farrer Place	E	35m
Haymarket Chinatown	F	15m or the street frontage height of the nearest heritage item to, or within, the subject site within the same block and on the same side of the street, whichever is smaller.
Macquarie Street	G	The street frontage height of the nearest heritage item to, or within, the subject site within the same block and on the same side of the street. Note: Refer to the conservation management plan controls for sites on the eastern side of Macquarie Street, Sydney
Martin Place	H	45m
Pitt Street Mall	I	35m for sites north of King Street; and 25m for sites south of King Street
Railway Square / Central Station	J	No minimum
Sydney Square Town Hall and St. Andrews	L	20m
Wynyard Park Lang Park	M	45m
York Street Clarence Street Kent Street	N	20m

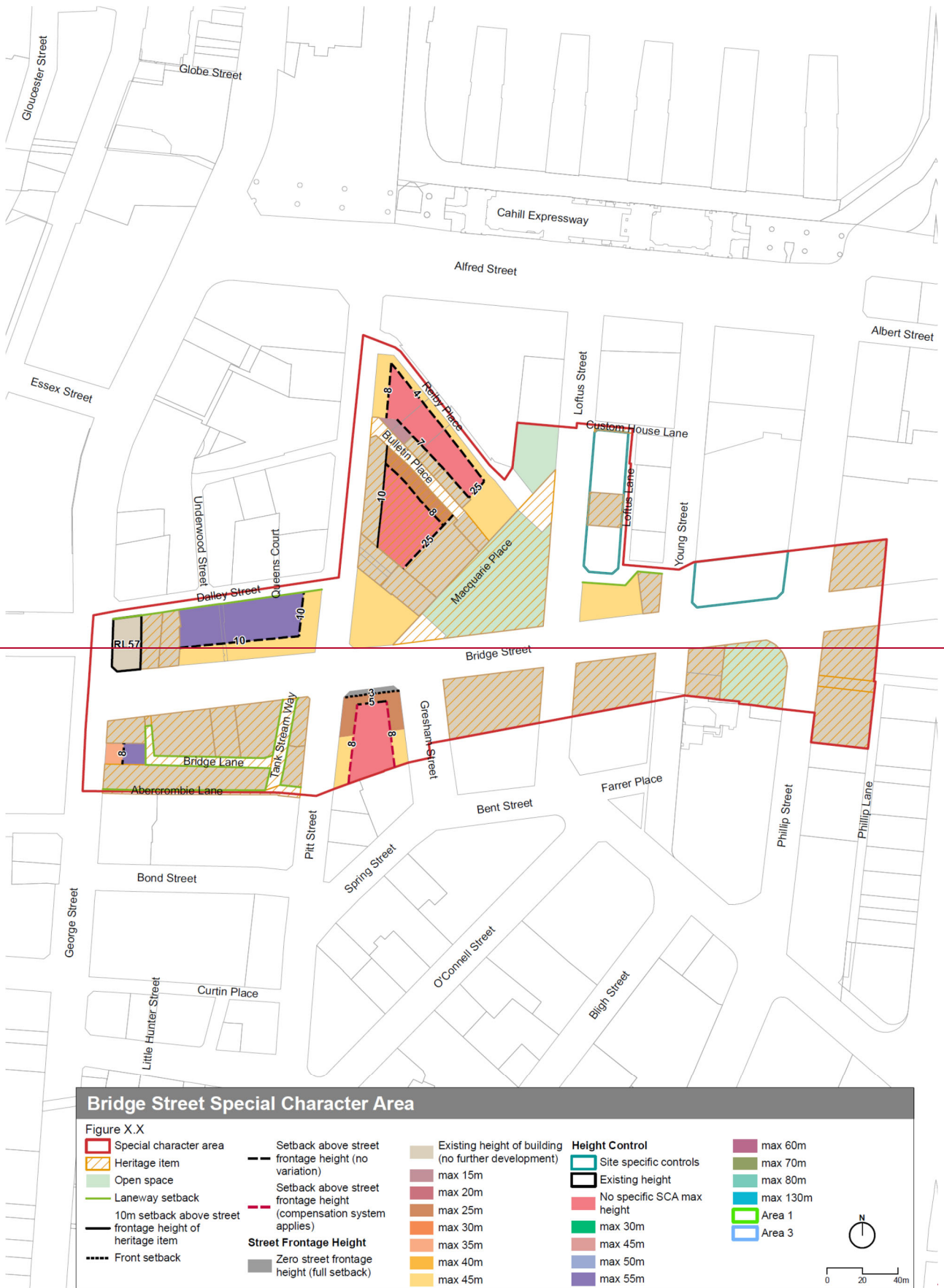


Figure 5.3: Bridge Street Special Character Area



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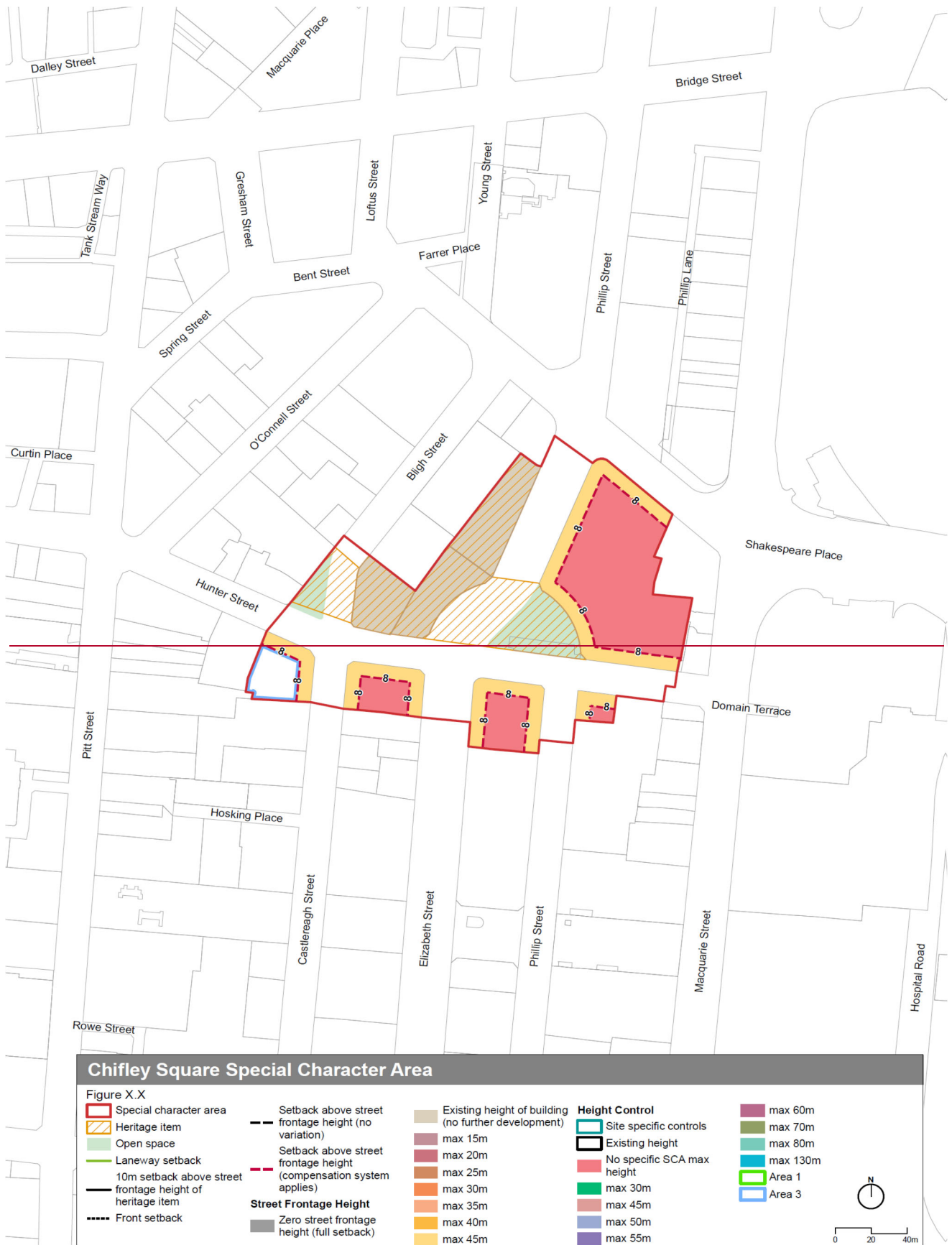


Figure 5.4: Chifley Square Special Character Area



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Figure 5.5: Circular Quay Special Character Area

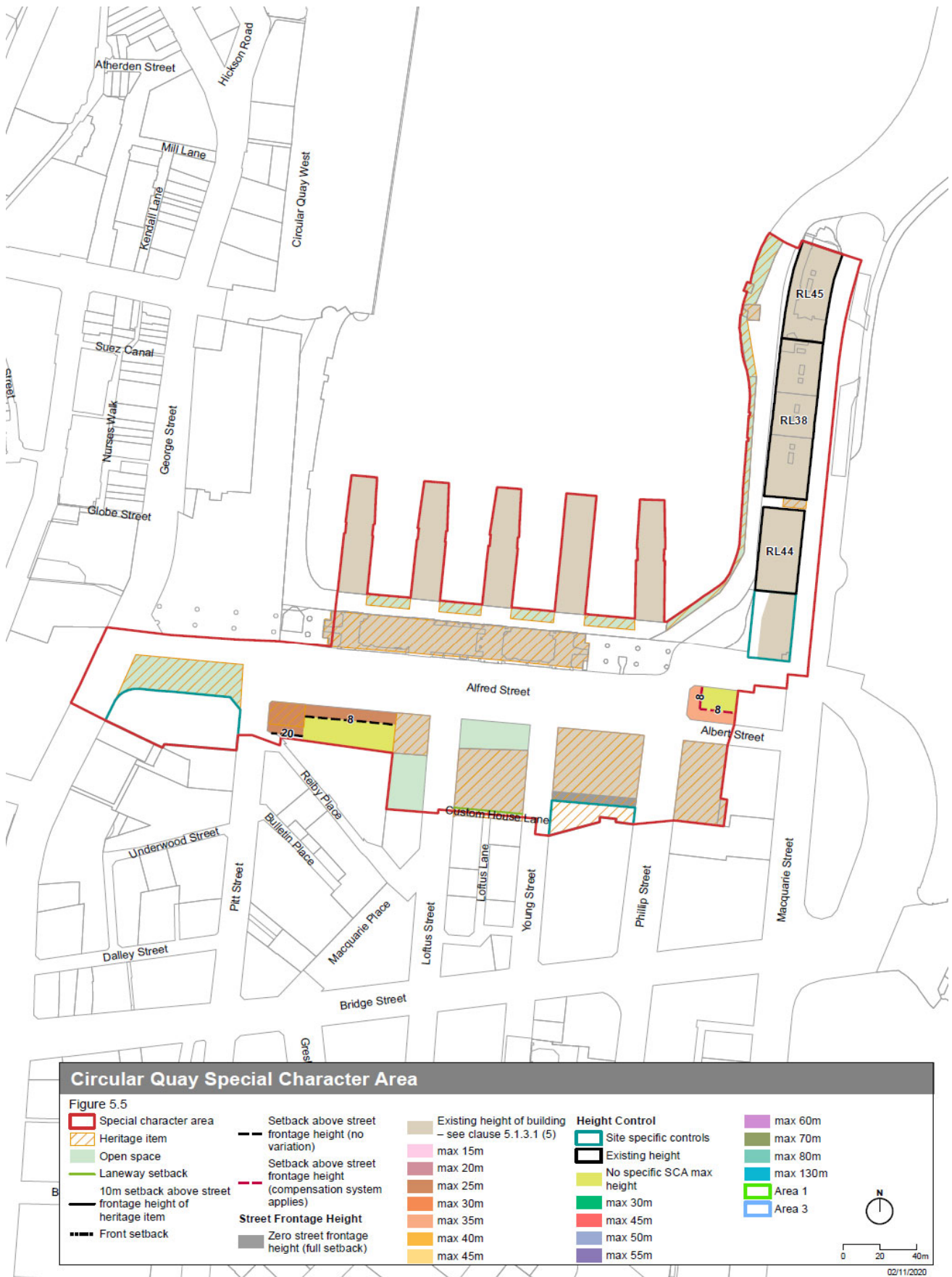


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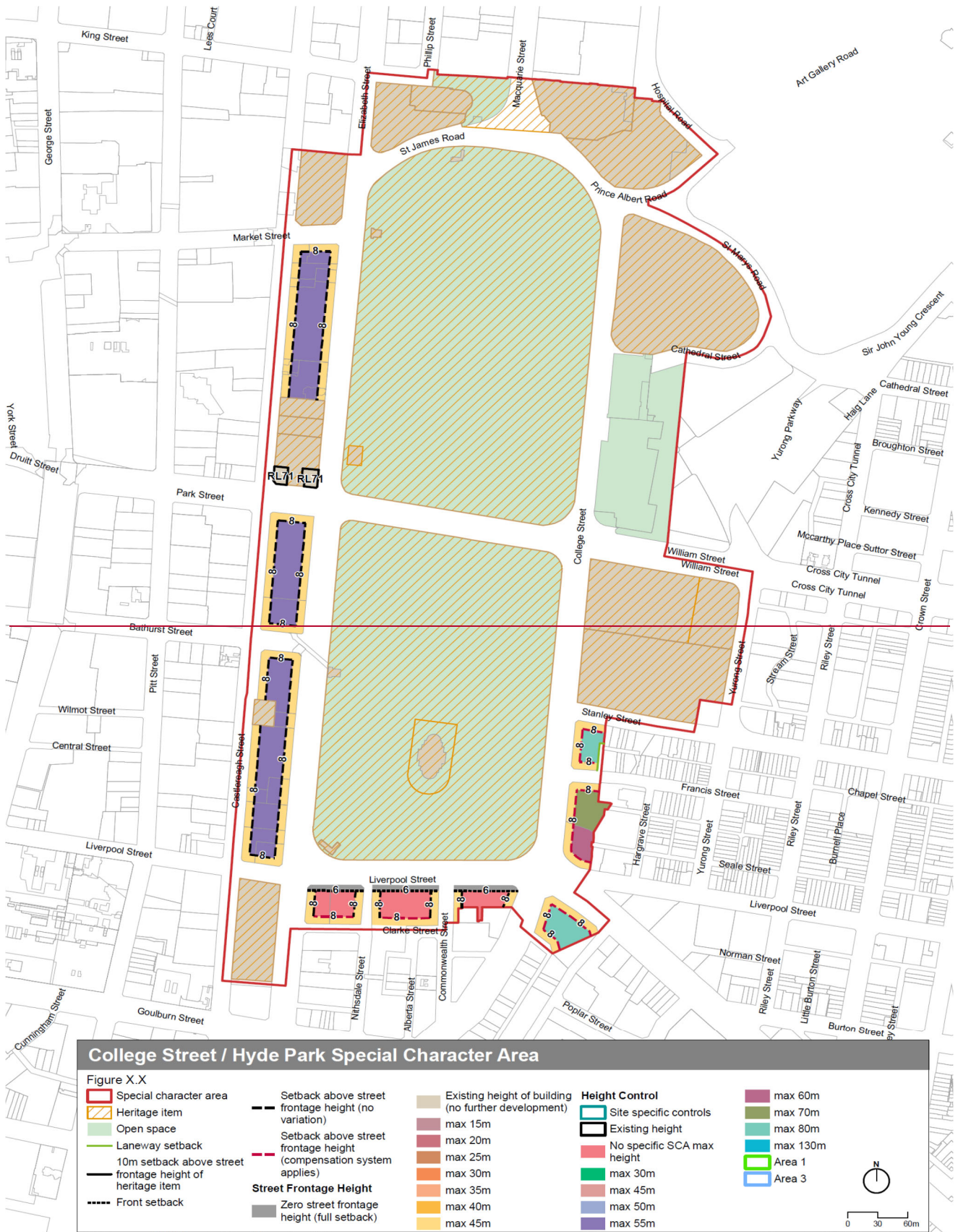


Figure 5.6: College Street/Hyde Park Special Character Area

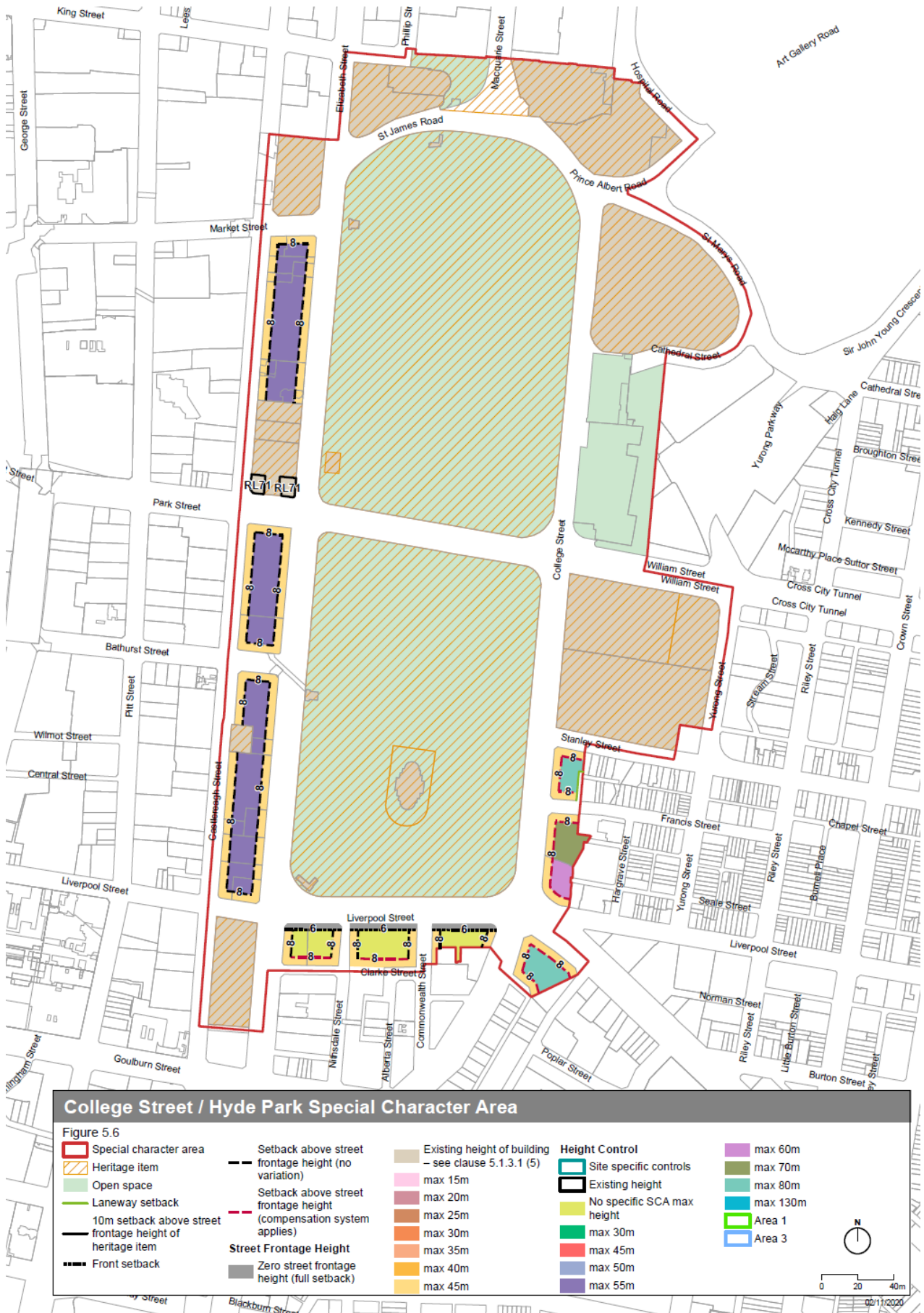


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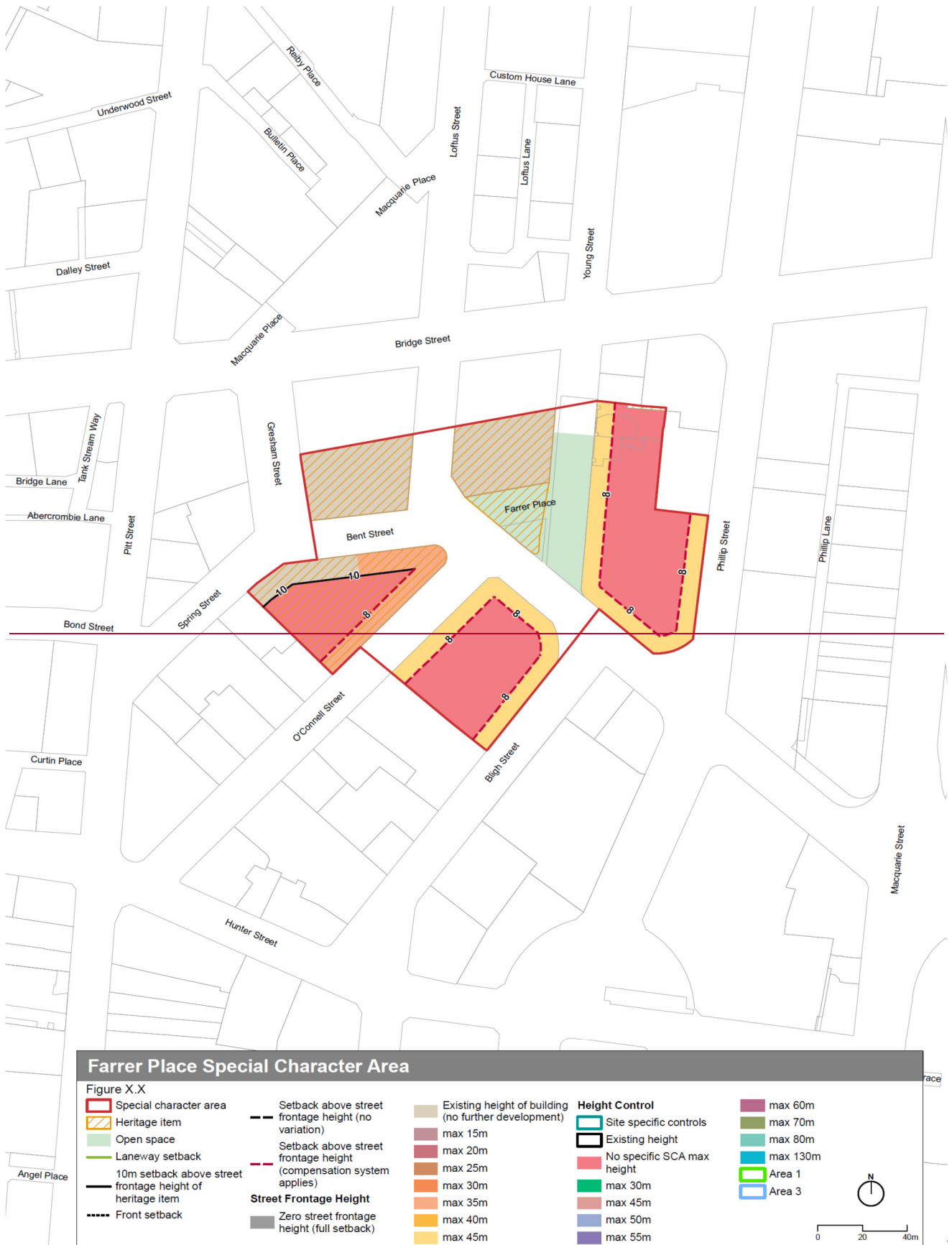
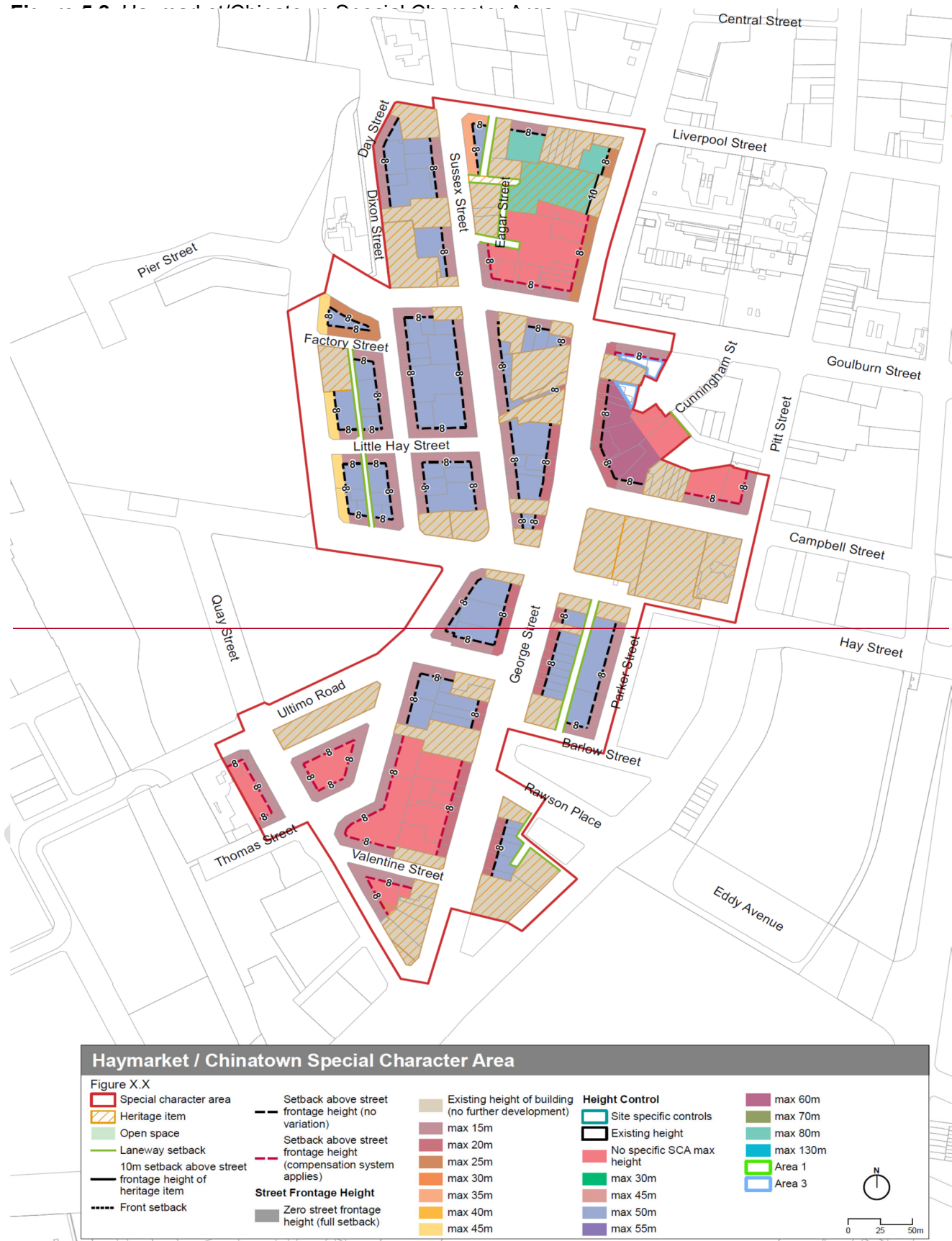


Figure 5.7: Farrer Place Special Character Area



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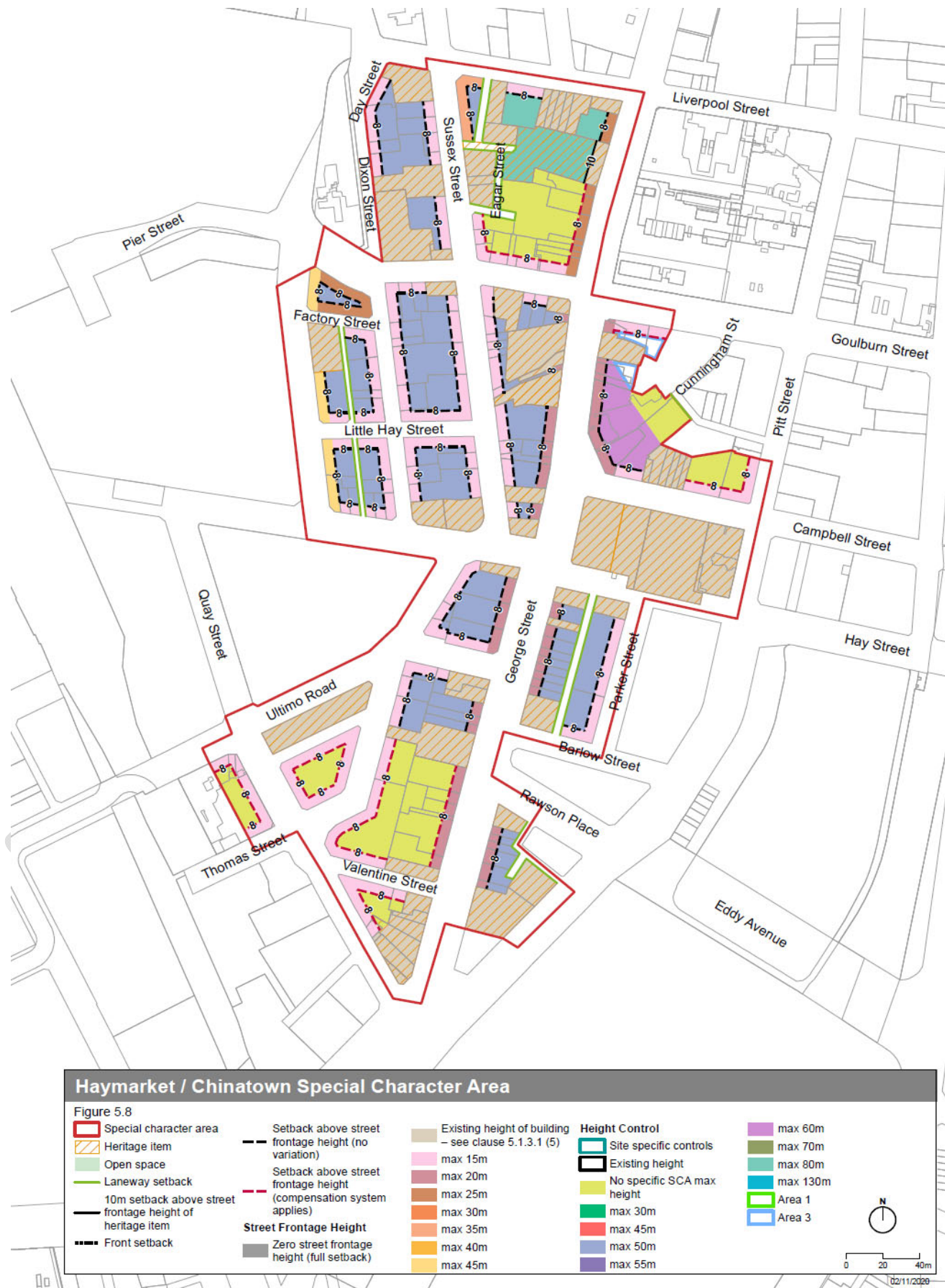


Figure 5.8: Haymarket/Chinatown Special Character Area