3.1.11 Annotation

Annotation conveys additional information that cannot easily be presented by keys or graphics alone, typically when describing sites or development opportunities. Too much annotation will obscure the message to be conveyed by the image. If extensive annotation seems inevitable, separate explanatory text with clear references to the plan may be more appropriate.

Watchpoints

- Text should be as concise as possible and set in short lines.
- Text outside the frame of the figure must be clearly and accurately arrowed to the relevant location.
- Text font must be legible even if this means reducing the scale of the figure in order to create sufficient space.
- Align/justify or range the text consistently.
- Align annotation horizontally along one or two lines, avoiding staggering and scattering.
- Use abbreviations carefully, as they may be unfamiliar to users and misinterpreted.

Annotation on top of a drawing obscures information and can look clumsy

❶ STATION EAST
❷ STATION WEST
❸ NORTH WESTGATE
❹ HOSPITAL
❺ QUEENSGATE
❻ PRIESTGATE
❼ CATHEDRAL AND PRECINCT
❽ NORTHERN QUARTER