

# Where are we going?

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# New Labour Reports + Actions

- Rethinking Construction (Egan) leads to establishment of Movement for Innovation + Housing Forum, LGTF.....
- Towards an Urban Renaissance (Rogers) leads to Urban White paper 'Our towns and cities: the future'
- Urban Policy Unit set up in DETR/DTLR

# New Labour actions

- Establishment of Office of Government Commerce
- Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly and Regional Development Agencies
- Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) replaces RFAC
- Identification of Ministerial Design Champions

# CABE 1999-

- Better Public Buildings (with DCMS)
- The Value of Urban Design
- Design in Construction Alliance
- Urban Design Skills Working Group
- OUR STREET: learning to see
- Building in Context (with EH)
- Better Civic Buildings and Spaces
- Achieving Quality Streetscapes



# Right now we have

- 8 Core Cities Group
- 24 Towns and Cities Group
- Treasury cross-cutting review on public space
- Reports on Urban Green Spaces, Liveability, Spaces streets and movements.....
- Managing Public Space
- Urban Summit - 31st Oct - 1st Nov '02

But we have no tradition of  
creating and managing public  
space







# Manchester has great new spaces

- St Ann' s Sq. refurbished
- Exchange Sq. + City park
- Convention Sq. + Barbirolli Sq + Great Northern Sq.
- Piccadilly Gardens redefined
- Castlefield, Spinningfields....













What do you have to do to  
trigger urban regeneration?

Stevenson Square is at the heart  
of Manchester's Northern Quarter  
and a stone's throw from  
Piccadilly Gardens; but its pretty  
derelict.....

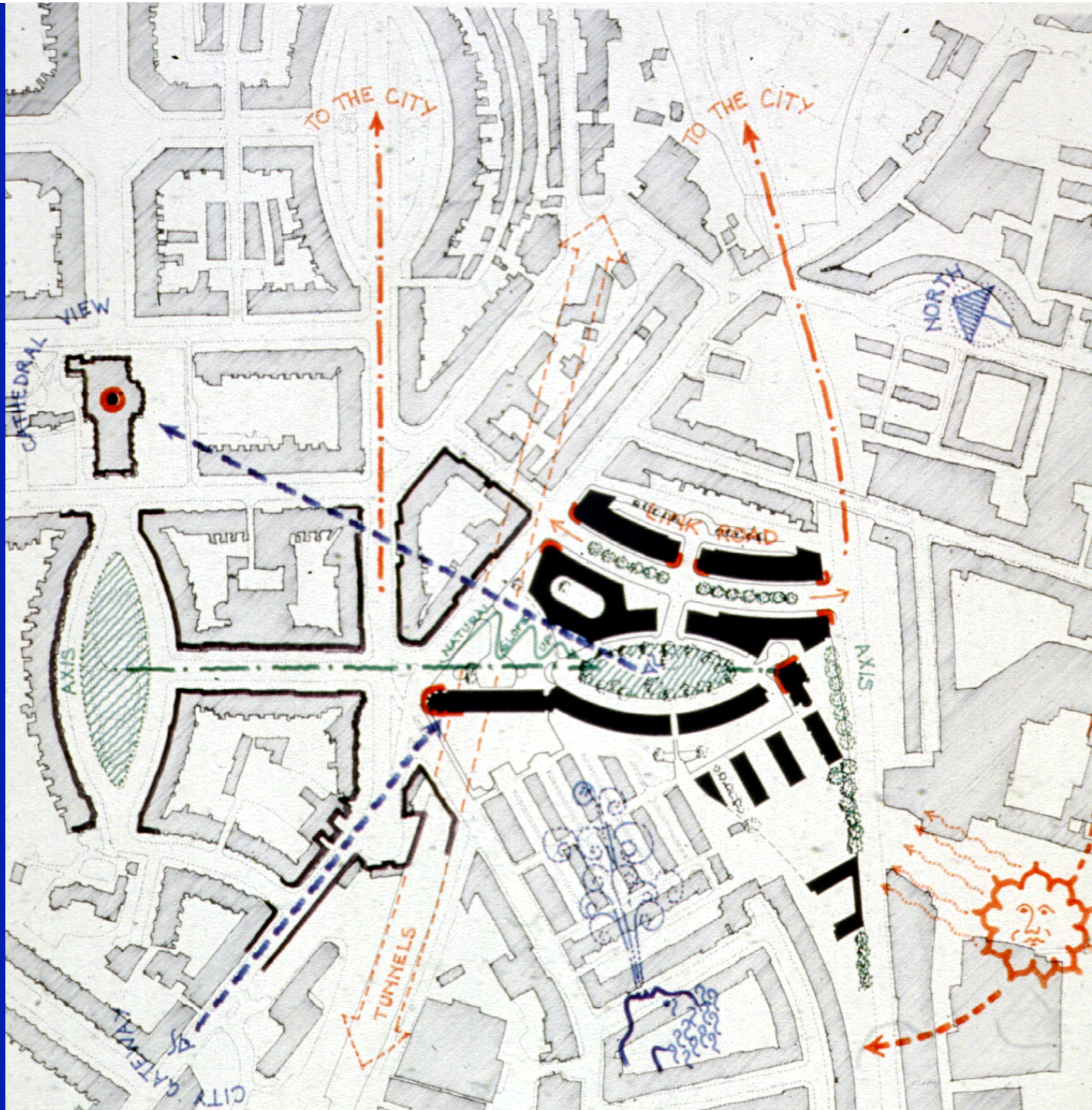




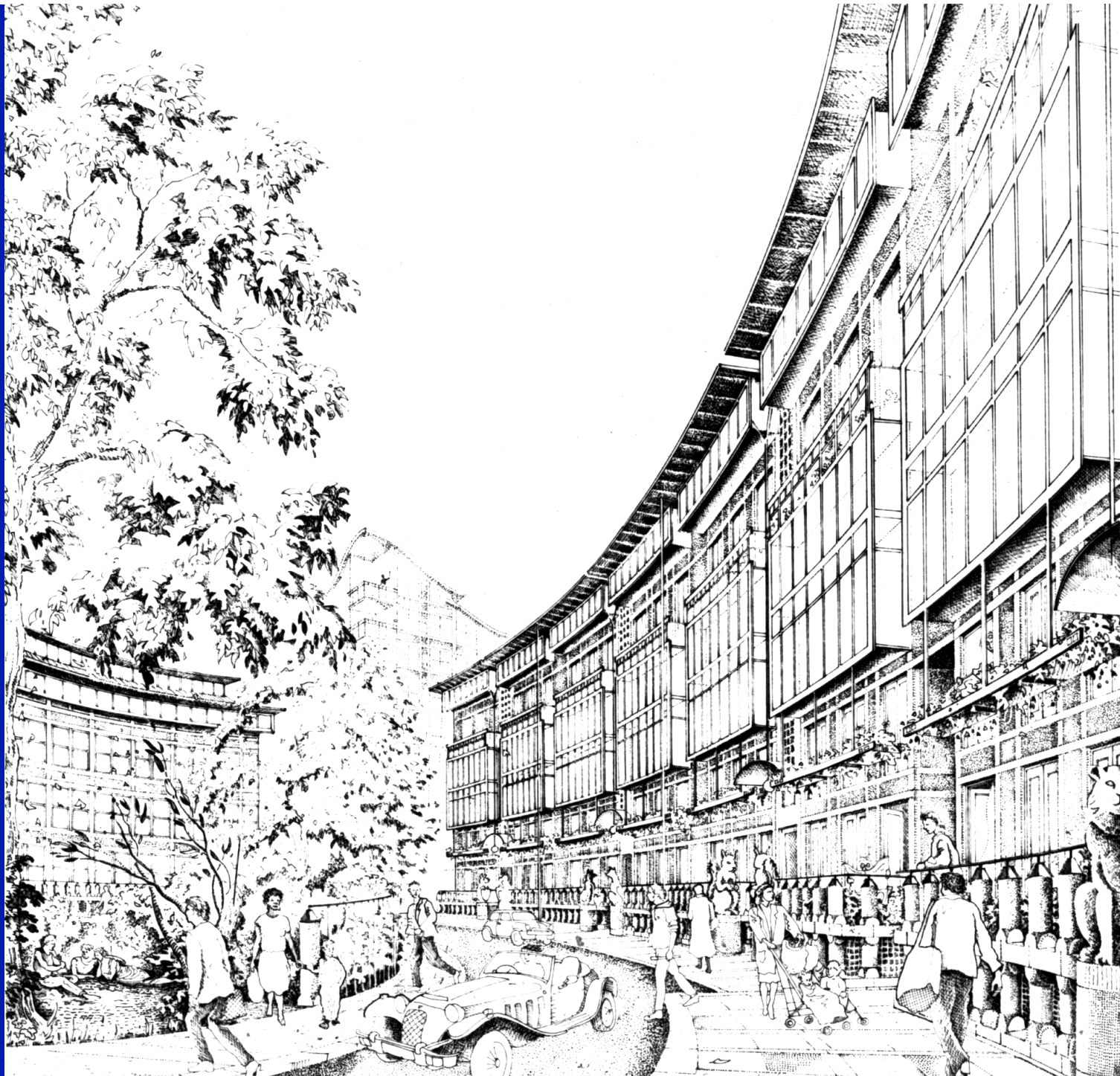
# Meanwhile we have been trying to do it.....

- Urban space as an urban ordering device (Morrison St. Edinburgh 1989)
- The role of Higher Education (UeL 1999)
- The placing of schools, health centres (and police stations) Greenwich 2001
- Inclusive consultation (Bristol Harbourside 2000 -)



























# Sustainable urban design has to be inter-disciplinary

- How can architects + engineers + landscape architects be master planners?
- How can we acquire the additional skills?
- How can we work with economists, geographers, archaeologists, social scientists, artists and poets?
- How can the universities and professional institutions help this rather than hinder?

# Surely we need

- To help people acquire the skills to demand their urban rights
- To assist in the formation of interdisciplinary professionals
- To create a shared language
- To challenge our authorities to create new spaces, small and large and then look after them