



Urbanism Awards 2023 nomination: Spanish City, Whitley Bay

Great Place category

The supporting statement for Spanish City's nomination is quoted in full below.

“Built at the beginning of the 20th century as a Pleasure Garden, the Spanish City with its dome (at the time, the second biggest after St Paul’s Cathedral) defines the Whitley Bay seaside and acts as a hub of activity and community.

“Having declined over the 1900s and eventually closed in 2002, it was ‘relaunched’ in 2018 with new shops, cafes, restaurants, events spaces, and public realm. Its surroundings are now pedestrianised, green, open, and accessible. The Spanish City sits at the heart of the town and overlooks the beach and promenade. It is an asset to the North East coast and, simply put, a great place.”