Gateway work – Business

The UK High Street has been badly affected by the pandemic and lockdowns, leading to a number of big name stores/chains closing down. Commentators are talking about 'death of the High Street.'

What do you think? Will shopping streets return to being vibrant places for people to spend a Saturday afternoon or have our habits changed for ever?

Research the issues shown below.

Complete a piece of work – it could be a spider diagram or a piece of writing to answer the question What is the future for the country's high streets?

Return of business after the lockdowns

Read/watch the clips below. To what extent is there a recovery?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-57187731

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-57299352

Changes in the way we shop

Is the move to online purchasing irreversible?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/technology-57102824

How do working patterns affect retail?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52567567

During lockdown?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-56123416

https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/may/03/how-tesco-doomsday-exercise-helped-it-cope-with-the-coronavirus?utm_term=Autofeed&CMP=twt_b-gdnnews&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1588512561

What about locally?
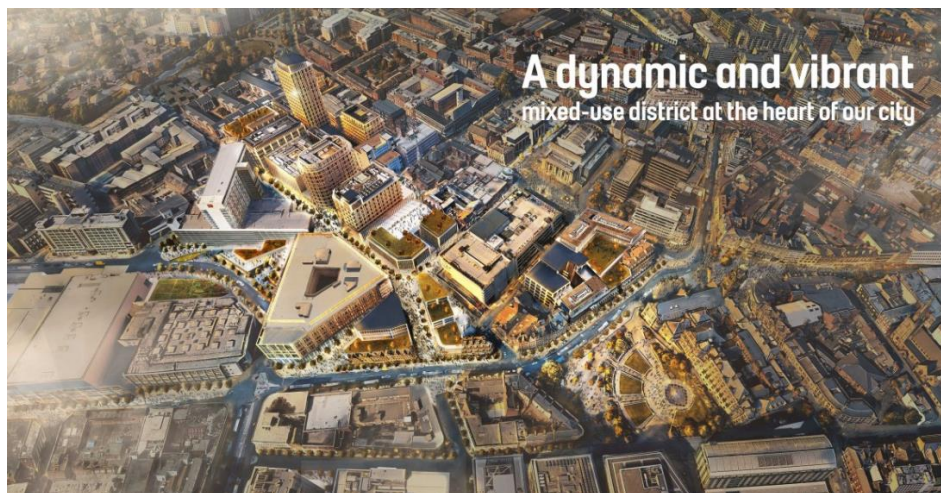
Why has Sheffield been affected so badly?

https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2019/feb/01/everythings-leaving-can-sheffields-high-street-survive

What about the future? What types of retail stores do you see in Sheffield City Centre?

https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/city-region/enhancing-cultural-vibrancy/future-high-streets-fund

https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/news/local-news/11-brilliant-parts-sheffield-set-20736035

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A dynamic and vibrant
mixed-use district at the heart of our city

Optional task:

Walking round either High Street, Fargate, or Pinstone Street map out all of the retail units on that particular road. What type of units are there? How many empty units?

What are your suggestions for recovery?

Does the City Council have plans?