

- 7.18 Unfortunately, the Soho and Chinatown Conservation Audit gives no indication of the age of the particular buildings in the area, or mention of how different buildings could be sustainably renovated. With an extended audit, using visual and photographic surveys at street level and from high buildings in the area, and through the analysis of OS maps and aerial photographs it would certainly be possible to define a limited number of building types that are characteristic of the area. This, at least would provide a basis for informed design guidance to property owners about what is, and what is not possible, in a particular building or buildings under consideration.



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Figure 7.6: Examples of buildings in Soho



- 7.19 Such design guidance would be based on the period in which they were constructed (e.g. Georgian, Victorian, between-war, post war and contemporary), their spatial form and mass (e.g. small footprint, 4-storey, large footprint 6-storey, high-rise tower, etc.) and their intended use. Information about their internal subdivision into separate properties and current use of these is available from the VOA, and would provide a further level of categorisation for the provision of targeted retrofitting advice.



Figure 7.7: Examples of buildings in Soho