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High street retail is dead. The only way the high street can survive is if retail is extracted from its core, figuratively and physically. A new inviting high street is achieved by gutting the shop interiors to create a new promenade inside. This re-use provides a screening, moving focus away from the loud uninviting traffic. Community becomes the new driver in this space with outdoor cinemas, relaxation areas and performance spaces. The new high street is linked to its retail successor (Tesco's and Gorton Market) via raised walkways connecting to a green square where events can take place encouraging footfall.

