4.3 Design Best Practice

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Atkins was supported by Maynard a specialist design company in creating the design and look of the new signage system. The initial stages of this process involved multiple visits to Redhill and Surrey, where reoccurring colours, designs and motifs were recorded and used to build up a picture of the existing visual identity of the town.

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