

More information on Changing Places toilets in Kingston

Here you will find information on what a Changing Places toilet is and our plans to put them in:

- Latchmere Recreation Ground
- Canbury Gardens
- Hook Centre



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What are Changing Places toilets

People with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well as other disabilities that severely limit mobility, cannot use standard accessible toilets.

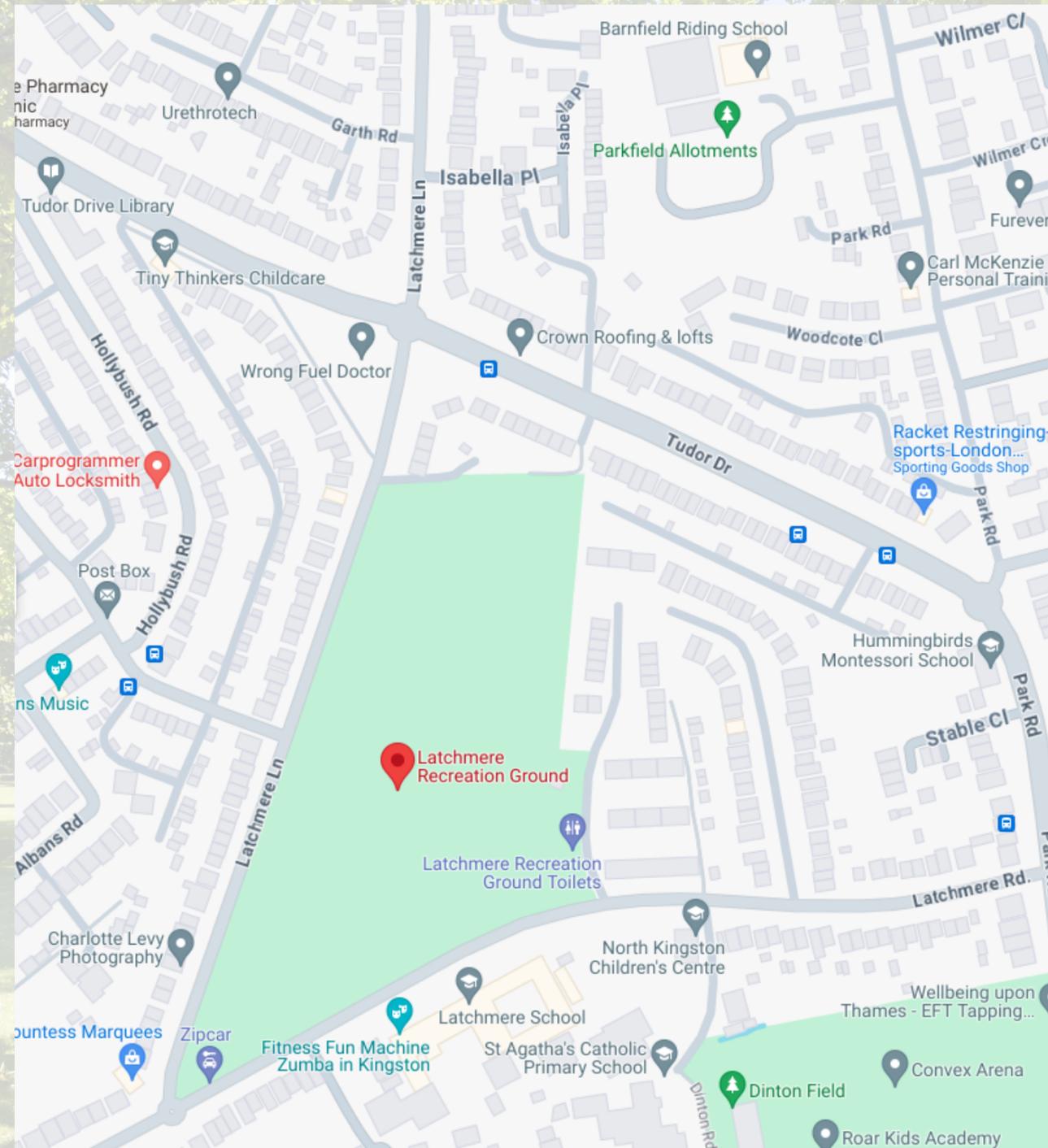
They may be limited in their own mobility so need equipment to help them or may need support from one or two carers to either get on the toilet or to have their continence pad changed.

Changing Places toilets are larger accessible toilets for disabled people, with equipment such as hoists, curtains, adult-sized changing benches and space for carers.

Having access to these much-needed facilities increases independence and improves quality of life. These new facilities will make it easier for disabled people and their families to enjoy activities that many take for granted, whether that's a day shopping or going to the playground.



Latchmere Recreation Ground
Latchmere Road
Kingston upon Thames
KT25TT



Latchmere Recreation Ground

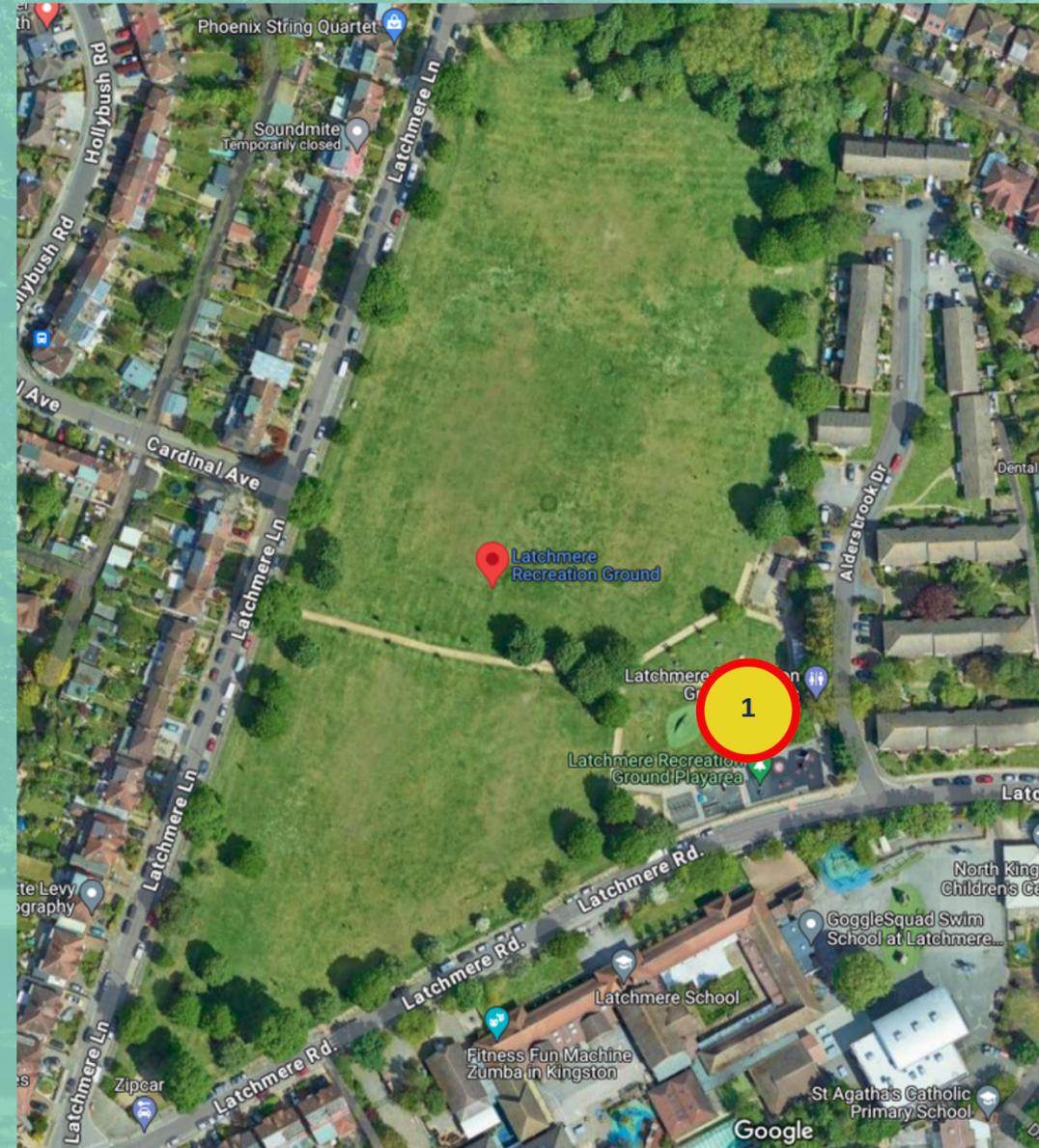
Latchmere Recreation Ground has been chosen for the following reasons:

- Close to a cafe, other toilets, picnic and playground area, recreation ground
- Parking close by
- Level access possible, accessible via pavements, entrances and other pathways
- Close to existing utilities/water and power connections
- Informal supervision and security via people working in the cafe, using the cafe, toilets and other facilities

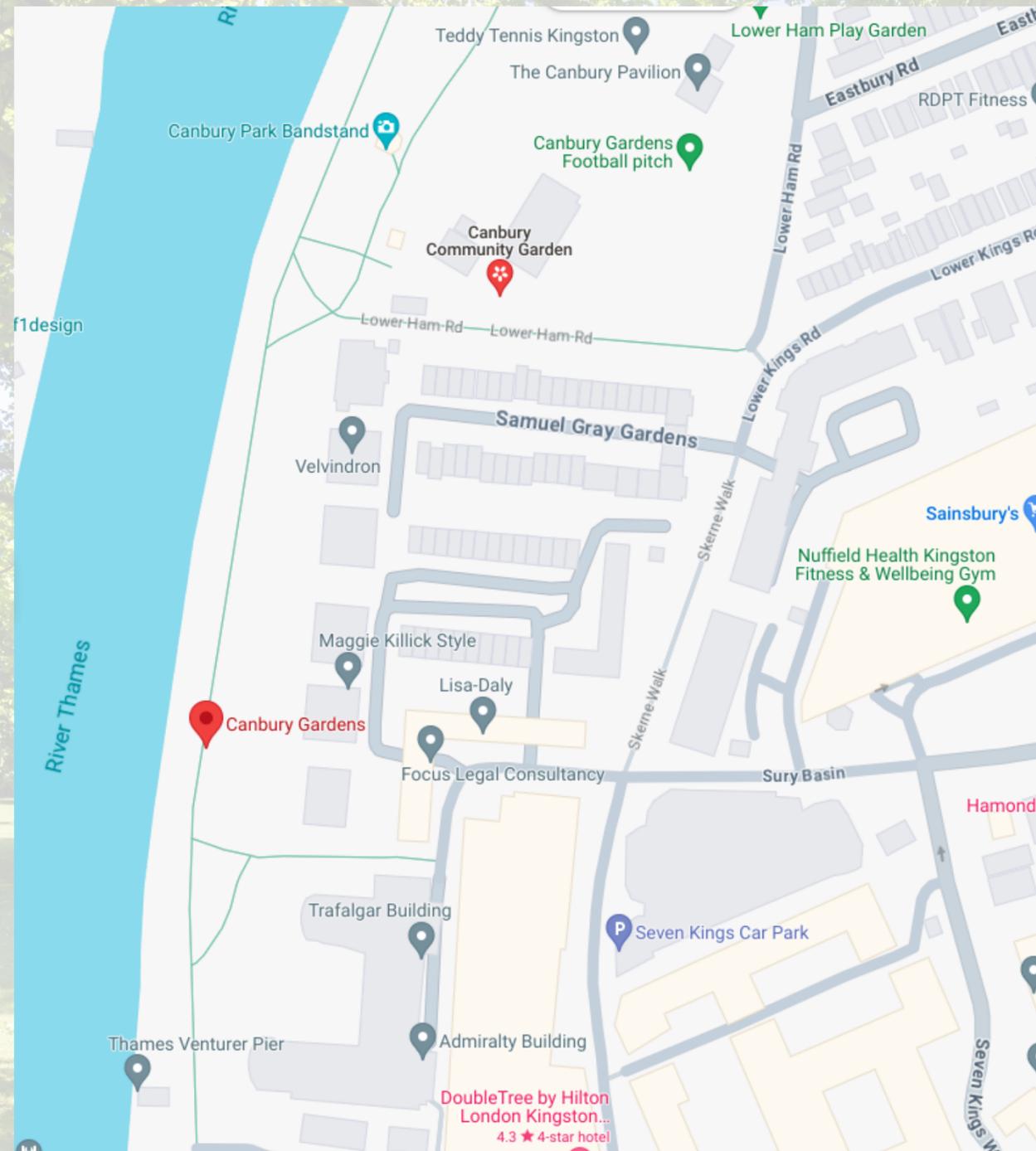
Location of a Changing Places toilet in Latchmere Recreation Ground

The location of the Changing Places toilet is next to the existing cafe and toilets.

It is indicated on the aerial photo map with site photos on the right.



Canbury Gardens
Lower Ham Road
Kingston upon Thames
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Canbury Gardens

Canbury Gardens has been chosen for the following reasons:

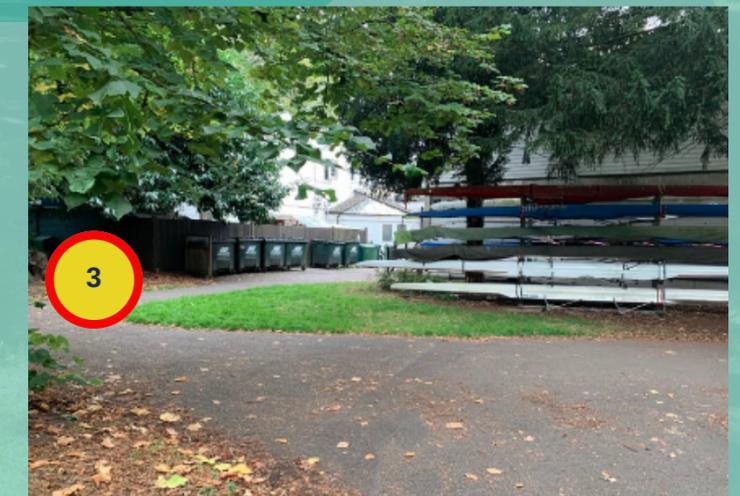
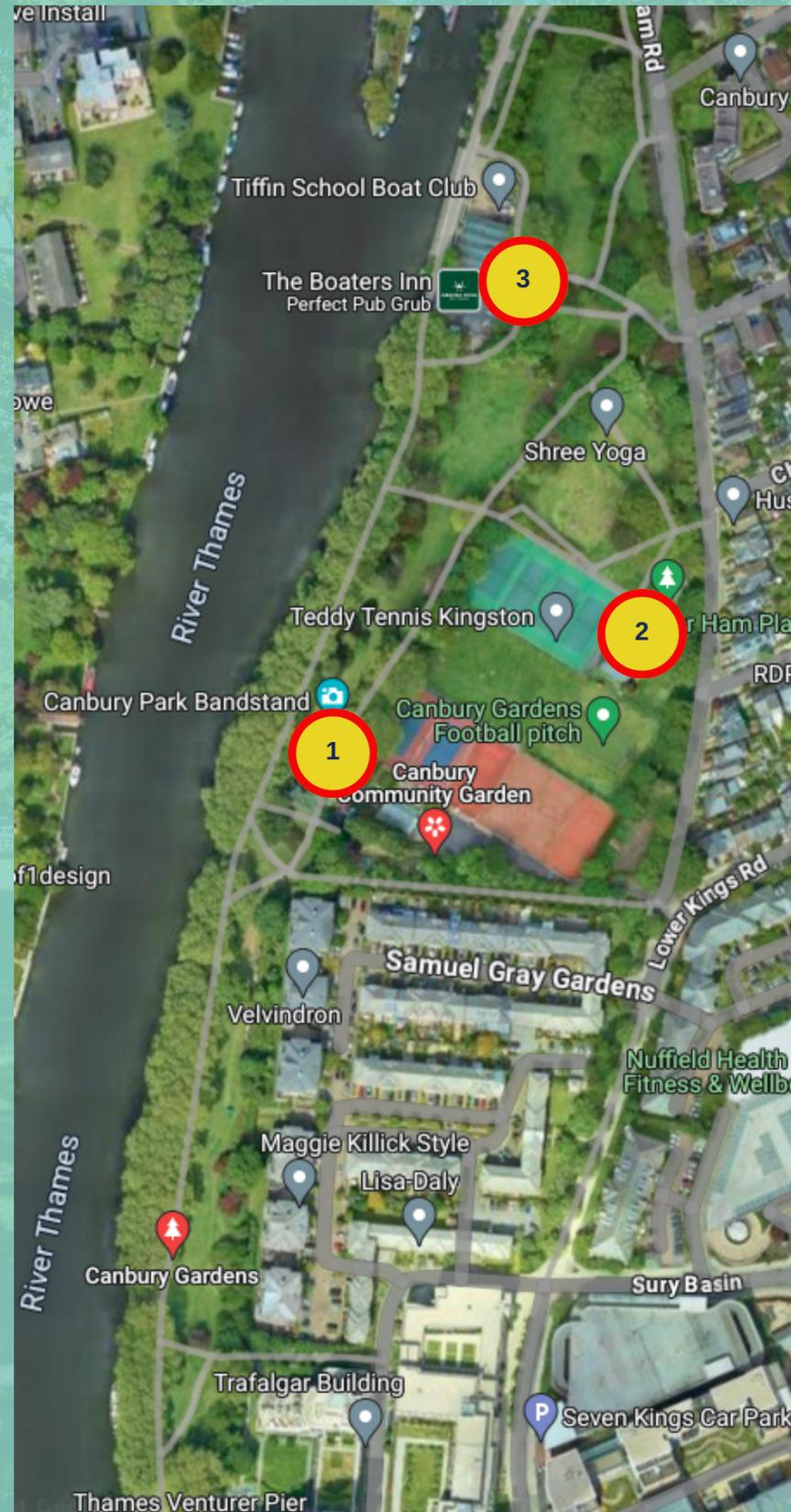
- Close to facilities and amenities, including the riverside path, playground, cafe, pub, bandstand, and near by parking
- Level access, accessible via pedestrian entrances and pathways and close to parking
- Close to existing utilities/water and power connections
- Informal supervision and security via people using the park and its facilities

Location of a Changing Places toilet in Canbury Gardens

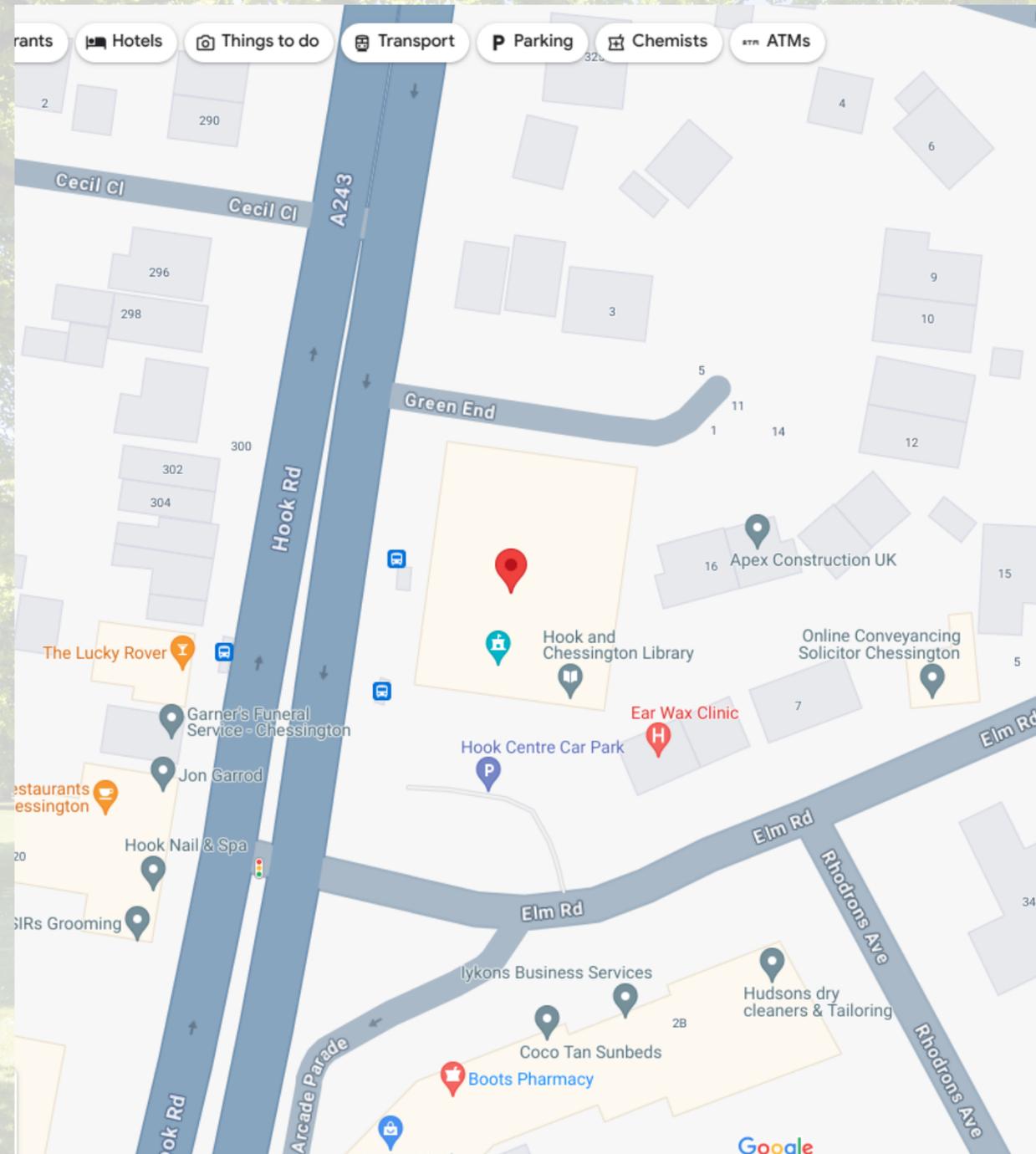
We are looking at three possible locations in Canbury Gardens. We are discussing with our contractor and other teams at the council which one will work best, including taking into account the trial shared use cycle and pedestrian pathway.

The different locations we are looking at are shown with the map and photographs:

1. Close to the cafe and bandstand
2. Close to children's play area and pedestrian entrance on Lower Ham Road
3. Close to the Boaters Inn and Kingston Rowing Club's boat shed.



Hook Centre
Hook Road
Hook, Chessington
KT9 1EJ



Hook Centre

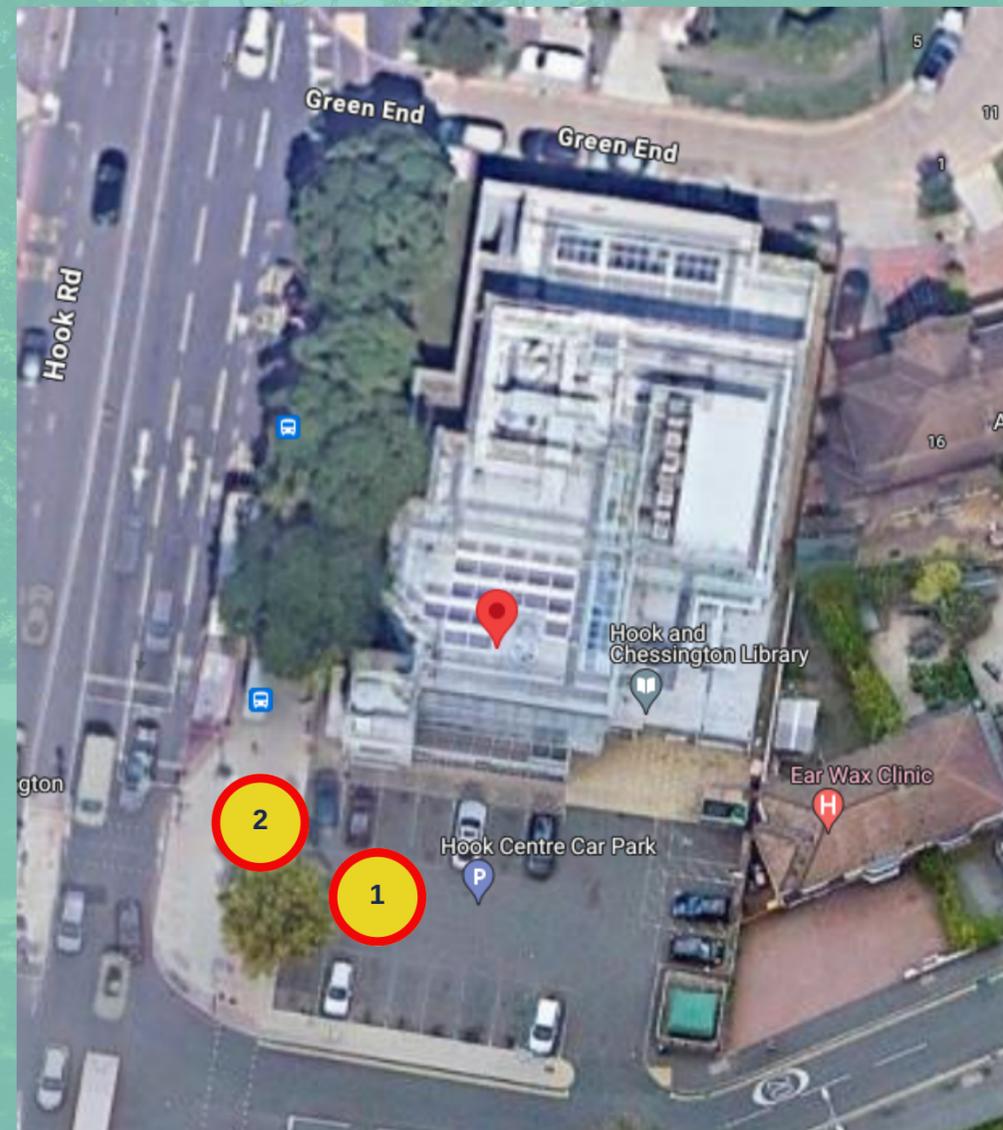
The Hook Centre has been chosen for the following reasons:

- Close to the Hook Centre and cafe, parking, bus stops, and shops and services
- Level access possible, accessible via pavements
- Close to existing utilities/water and power connections
- Informal supervision and security via people using Hook Centre, parking, bus stop and other facilities, and in an open, physically visible place

Location of a Changing Places toilet next to the Hook Centre

Two locations are being considered:

1. Hook Centre car park
2. The public space next to the Hook Parade bus stop and Hook Centre car park



More about Changing Places toilets

The Changing Places Fund was launched in 2021 and made a public commitment to make £30 million capital funding available over three years to local authorities in England.

The objective is to increase both the number and geographic spread of Changing Places toilets and to provide them in areas of greater use and value.



Our Changing Places toilets will be opened by Radar key



The government in Partnership with Muscular Dystrophy UK has now allocated funding to 64 local authorities to deliver 120 Changing Places toilets across the country



In the absence of Changing Places facilities, people and carers face:

- Limiting the amount they drink to avoid needing the toilet when they are out – risking dehydration and urinary tract infections
- Sitting in soiled clothing or dirty nappies until a suitable toilet is found or they return home
- Having to change a loved one on a dirty toilet floor
- Manually lifting someone out of their wheelchair – risking safety
- Reduced time out of the house – restricting people's social lives

Next steps

Your feedback will be used as we continue our planning and prepare a planning application which will be submitted to the council.

The Changing Places toilets will be installed and registered by the end of June 2024.

